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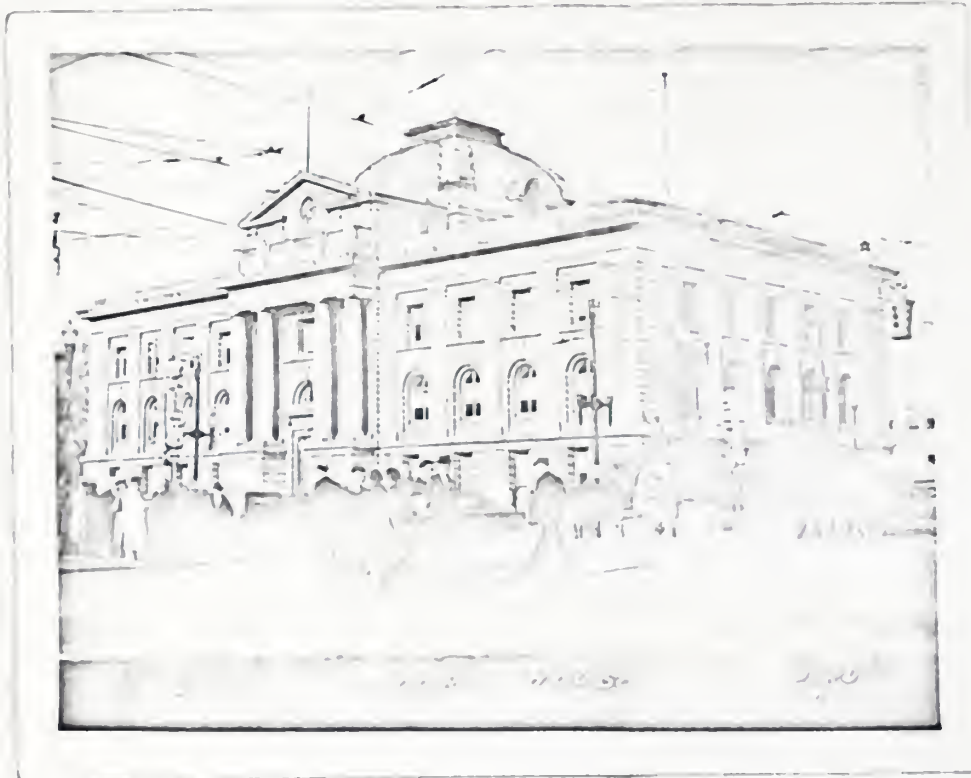


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This inventory of Miami County records constitutes a part of the general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It was prepared for the primary purpose of furnishing officials, students of history, and the citizens of the community with a convenient tool for their use in consulting the county records. It is hoped the information contained in those volumes will encourage county officials as well as the general public to take a greater interest in continued improvement of methods for preservation of public records. It is also hoped ^{that} the information herein presented concerning the records, their present housing and care, and accommodations available for users, will prove to have value for the citizens and public officials.

This inventory of records was made during the period of April 2 to June 22, 1936, under supervision of Samuel J. Kagan, State Director; Harry M. Williams, District Supervisor; and Roy M. Bates, Research Editor. The field workers were Merle Domer, George Moorman, Bernard Liechty, William B. Tulley, and Valdo Wilkerson, all of Fort Wayne. The workers spent several days arranging the records in the courthouse in proper sequence, while making the survey. Indispensable cooperation was received from all officials of the county and from the Works Progress Administration officials to make this survey successful.

It is our intention to present a complete, concise picture of the records in bibliographical form. This inventory is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts forming the background and basis for the records. The entries of the inventory

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are carried in consecutive numbering for the county, while the bureaus are arranged alphabetically. Where it is applicable, natural groupings under subject headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged according to their functional sequence. A cross reference index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with the least effort.

Acknowledgement should go to the State office force of the Survey for checking, condensing, and compiling the Miami County Survey.

LUTHER H. EVANS, National Supervisor

S. J. KAGAN, State Director

Historical Records Survey

FOREWORD

A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project of the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and State historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel J. Kagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carried out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

An advisory committee of which Ralph N. Tirey, president of State

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Teachers College, Terre Haute, is chairman, has helped guide work upon the project; though no meetings were held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the State indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN

Director

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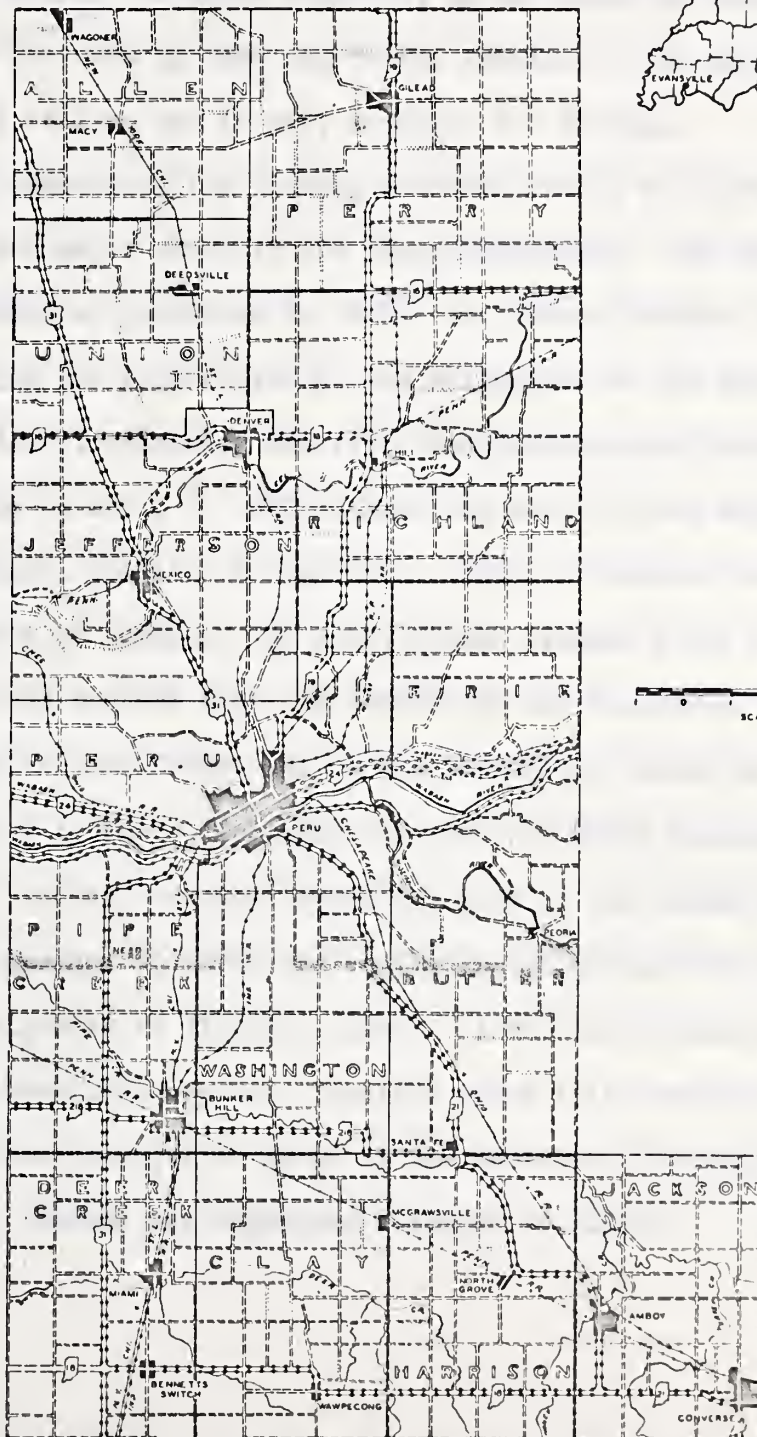
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1834-1937

Miami County is located in the north central part of the State, exactly half way between Indianapolis and the Indiana-Michigan line. Its area of 384 square miles is bounded on the north by Fulton County, on the east by Wabash and Grant Counties, on the south by Howard County, and on the west by Cass and Fulton Counties. Its surface is level to gently rolling and is very suitable for farming.

To better understand the history of Miami County it is well to trace briefly the major steps in its broad background. The English landed and settled at Jamestown in 1607. The French founded Quebec in 1608 and began the exploration of the wilderness to the west; the Frenchman, La Salle, descended the river now known as the Mississippi to its mouth and on April 9, 1682, claimed the entire river valley in the name of France, calling it Louisiana. This, of course, included the present State of Indiana. By 1719, French trading posts had been established on the present sites of Fort Wayne and Vincennes. Rivalry between the English and French led to the French and Indian War, ending in the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, in which Louisiana was ceded to Great Britain, thereby becoming a part of the Colony of Virginia. On December 9, 1778, the region including most of present Indiana was designated as Illinois County. After the successful termination of the Revolutionary War, Virginia ceded this territory to the United States Government, which named it the Northwest Territory. From this Territory, Indiana was organized December 16, 1816.

Probably since late in the 17th Century, white explorers and traders passed along a river, later named the Wabash, which flows across the middle of present Miami County. There were many tribes of Indians in what is now called northern Indiana, but in this particular region the Miamis were superior in number. A few villages of the Potawatomie tribe were scattered along Eel River, a short distance north.

Various battles between the Indians and the whites culminated in General Wayne's signal victory at Fallen Timbers, August 20, 1794. The resulting Treaty of Greenville, August 3, 1795, attended by Chief Little Turtle of the Miamis, resulted in the government securing permission to open a road which would pass through present Miami County along the Wabash River. The increasing number of whites were intent upon clearing the land and settling. Toward this end General William Henry Harrison, Governor of Indiana Territory, acting for the federal government, negotiated first with one tribe and then with another. Chief Tecumseh maintained that all tribes must concur in land treaties with the whites, and this disagreement led to the Battle of Tippecanoe, November 7, 1811, in which the Indians were routed. The continued sanguinary attacks of the Indians led to their decisive defeat again the next year, on December 18, near the Mississinewa River not far below present Miami County.

With the admission of Indiana to the Union, the increased immigration of settlers caused the Indians to ask for a treaty in which definite

boundaries to their remaining lands would be established. This is known as the Treaty of St. Mary's, Ohio, negotiated October 2-6, 1818. It provided that the Miamis retain a tract containing nearly one million acres called the "Big Reserve", including all of present Miami County south of the Wabash River. In October, 1826, the Indian reservations were further reduced through pressure of the encroaching settlers. However, certain individual grants were allowed, including one to Chief Jean Baptiste Richardville, which embraced the present site of Peru.

In February 1827, John McGregor built a log cabin on Richardville's tract, and he is credited with being the first white settler. Shortly afterwards, other pioneers came, establishing themselves in some instances on the Indians' land, but probably first getting the owner's permission. On August 18, 1827, Richardville sold a section now within Peru's city limits to Joseph Holman for \$500.

Many of the first arrivals were traders. Among the most important firms was that of William G. and George W. Ewing. It was George W. Ewing who found Frances Slocum, an old white woman, the widow of a Miami chief, and ~~brought about her identity~~^{fixed} as the member of a Quaker family who had been kidnaped near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, by the Delaware Indians on November 2, 1778, when she was five years old. The life of Frances Slocum has become an American saga. She is buried in the "Bundy burying ground" about nine miles southeast of Peru.

The construction of the Wabash & Erie Canal was started in

February 1832. It was expected that the territory along its course would be quickly settled, so the State authorities desired to establish county government through that portion as soon as practicable. Accordingly, an act was passed February 2, 1832, forming Huntington, Wabash, and Miami Counties. At that time the present Miami County area belonged to or was attached to Cass County. Section 4 of the act of formation provided that "the new counties shall remain as they are now attached" for governmental purposes. The name "Miami" perpetuates that of the Indian tribe among whose number were some of the noblest and most courageous characters of any race.

The original boundary lines were found in error, and on January 30, 1833, they were corrected by statute to read as follows: "Beginning at the north east corner of section three in township twenty-nine north, being the north west corner of Wabash County, running thence south with the western boundary of said county twenty-four miles, thence from the south west corner of the county of Wabash, east four miles to the north west corner of Grant county, thence south six miles, thence west fourteen miles, thence north with the range line dividing ranges three and four east of the second principal meridian thirty miles, thence east ten miles on the township line dividing townships twenty-nine and thirty to the place of beginning." (Ibid., 1832-33, pp. 38-39).

Territory not yet ceded by the Indians was included in these boundaries.

The organizing act for Miami County was passed January 2, 1834, to become effective March 1, 1834. The county's area was increased in this act by a strip two miles wide along the entire western boundary.

For a short time after organization, the county seat was at Miamisport, a small village on the north bank of the Wabash whose site is now within the city limits of Peru, which was then being laid out. William N. Hood, owner of the site, offered to donate the public square and erect upon it a brick courthouse and log jail if the Commissioners would locate the seat of justice there, which they agreed to do.

John Crudson, John W. Miller, and Alexander Jameson were appointed Commissioners and held their first session June 4, 1834, at the house of John McGregor, who was appointed Sheriff, with Benjamin H. Scott, Clerk, and Abner Overman, Treasurer. The county was separated into the townships of Jefferson and Peru, which have since been divided to include, ~~also,~~ Allen, Perry, Union, Richland, and Erie Townships; and, with the acquisition of the Big Reserve, Pipe Creek, Washington, Butler, Deer Creek, Clay, Harrison, and Jackson Townships. The first regular election for county officers was held August 4, 1834. Sixty votes were cast. At the first session of the elected Commissioners a road was considered from Peru to Mexico; it was the first built in the county. At that time the Wabash & Erie Canal, surveyed to pass through Peru, was under construction, and promised to solve the chief transportation problem for the county. The first boat reached Peru from Fort Wayne

in July 1837.

In the spring of 1835, the county offices were moved from Miamicport to Peru, and the first courthouse was ordered erected. On February 17, 1838, an act was passed adding twelve square sections to the county on the north along the east boundary. This same territory was detached by an act dated January 15, 1844.

The Indians were still being pressed to part with their remaining reservations. Several individual grants had been sold to the whites, and it was agreed by the remaining Indians to dispose of the balance of Big Reserve. A treaty was made on the "Forks of the Wabash", a short distance south of Huntington, on November 6, 1838, by which all of Miami County was opened to settlement; and thus passed the last vestige of a romantically heroic period in Indiana history. A final treaty was signed November 28, 1840, but it was more in the nature of an anti-climax, as there was little left to cede.

The donated courthouse was duly finished early in 1843, and was greatly admired. However, the county did not long enjoy its use, for on the night of March 16, 1843, it was completely destroyed by fire, together with all its contents. The General Assembly of 1843-44 passed a law entitled "An Act for the Benefit of Persons Who are likely to Suffer by the Destruction of the Records of Miami County by Fire", in which M. W. Seely was named to take evidence and attempt to reconstruct legal documents insofar as was possible.

Two small temporary brick buildings were erected in the square

for the county offices. These served until 1856, when construction was started on the three story courthouse, in Norman castle style, which was completed in 1858. The basement was used for a jail. This picturesque brick building was in use until March 1906, when the old Presbyterian church on West Third Street was occupied pending the erection of the present courthouse. This last building, constructed of stone in modern design, was dedicated April 6, 1911, with ceremonies ^{at} in which Hon. Thomas R. Marshall, then Governor of the State, was the principal speaker.

Peru was the first town in the county to be incorporated and has been followed by Macy, North Grove, Amboy, Converse, Denver, and Bunker Hill.

The leading industries in the county have always been agriculture and stock-raising. However, there are at present forty-eight manufacturing establishments in the county. The discovery of gas and oil near the county seat towards the close of the last century created much excitement, but these fields soon proved to be of little consequence and are no longer considered.

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Miami County, with its county seat at Peru, is a political subdivision of the State of Indiana, embodying such powers of county government as have been prescribed by law. The legislative governing body for Miami County, as for all Indiana Counties, is the State General Assembly. The present organization of county government is the result of the evolutionary development of the original constitution of 1816, the present constitution adopted in 1851, and subsequent legislative acts of the General Assembly. Miami County was formed by an Act of the General Assembly, February 2, 1832, and began its legal existence April 2, 1832 (Acts 1832.)

The governmental organization of Miami County serves as a unit for the maintenance of the peace through the Sheriff; the administration of justice through the Circuit Court; the administration of welfare work through a poor relief system; the administration of public works, such as highways, buildings, and drainage system; the imposition of taxes; the holding of elections; the administration, to a limited degree, of education; and the enforcement of State laws and decrees.

Administration

At the organization of Miami County, the administrative duties were executed by a Board of Commissioners, Treasurer, Recorder, Sheriff, Surveyor, and Clerk, under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and legislative acts of the General Assembly thereafter. The office of Auditor was created by an Act of 1841. At the Constitutional Convention

in 1851 the Constitution of 1816 was revised and became the present Constitution of Indiana.

The Constitution of 1851 provides the election of a Clerk of the Circuit Court, who keeps the records of the proceedings of all the courts in the county; an Auditor, who keeps records of county financial matters and records dealing in real property and the estates of private citizens; a Recorder, whose duties are to keep a record of every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded; a Treasurer, who receives all money coming to the county and keeps a record of same; a Sheriff, who is conservator of the peace and who carries out court orders; a Coroner, who investigates violent deaths and those of suspicious means; and a Surveyor, who prepares plans and specifications for the improvement of public works and establishes boundaries for public and private lands. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2.) By an Act of 1933, the County Surveyor also acts as County Highway Supervisor. (Acts 1933; Sec. 36-1110, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Since the adoption of the Constitution the General Assembly has prescribed the establishment of additional departments.

The present leading administrative body of county government is the Board of Commissioners, comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member retires each year. The board provides buildings to house county business, provides public squares and grounds, audits the accounts of county officers who handle money, changes boundaries of townships as it sees fit, and is charged with the maintenance of county roads, highways, and drainage systems. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852, Ch. 20, Sec. 1; Sec. 26-601, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

By an Act of 1873, a County Board of Education was created. The Board consists of the County Superintendent of Schools, Township Trustees, and Chairman of the School Trustees of each city and town of the county. The duties of the board are to consider the general wants and needs of the schools and matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, charts, etc. (Acts 1873; Sec. 28-301, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of County Superintendent of Schools was created. The Superintendent is elected by the Township Trustees and serves for a term of four years. His duties are specifically set out in the statutes and he is under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Public Instruction. (Acts 1873, 1899; Sec. 28-702, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

An Act of 1891 created the office of Health Commissioner, who is elected by the County Commissioners to serve for a term of four years. It is his duty to safeguard the health and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to keep records of contagious diseases, births, deaths, and marriages. (Acts 1891; Sec. 35-103, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

By an Act of 1891 the office of County Assessor was created. The Assessor is nominated in the primary and elected at the regular election for a four-year term. His duties are to assess real and personal property, to instruct the Township Assessors to carry out the orders of the State Tax Board, and to act as president of the County Board of Review. (Acts 1891; Ch. 99.)

An Act of 1891 created the County Board of Review, whose members ~~are~~ consist of the County Assessor, County Auditor, and County Treasurer.

(Acts 1891; Ch. 99.) This act was amended in 1919 to include two freeholders of opposite political parties as members of the board. The duties of this board are to equalize unfair levies ^{of} on taxes on real and personal property, either for the county or against it. (Acts 1919; Sec. 64-1201, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1899, by legislative enactment, a County Council was created. This Council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each councilmanic district by the district and three members are elected at large from the county. The County Auditor acts as clerk of the Council. The Council has power to fix certain tax rates, exclusive right to make appropriations out of the County Treasury, and the exclusive right to authorize the borrowing ¹⁶⁻⁵¹³ of money for the county. (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-501, 26-502, 26-509, 26-532; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1907, a legislative act created a County Board of Finance, consisting of the Board of County Commissioners. The County Auditor acts as secretary. The duties of this board are to have charge of and control the county funds. (Acts 1907; Sec. 61-606, 61-607; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The General Assembly of 1935 repealed this act and in the same session revived it as part of the Depository Act, re-establishing the Board of Finance practically unaltered. (Acts 1935; Sec. 61-606, 61-628, 61-631 to 61-639; Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1936 Supplement.)

By an Act of 1913, the legislature made provisions for the creation of the office of County (Agricultural) Agent. The Act provides that this office may come into existence whenever a certain number of the residents of the county shall petition the County Board of Education, whereupon the

appointment is made by Purdue University and ratified by the County Board of Education. The appointment is made annually. Upon the proper petition, this office was established in Miami County, April 1, 1918. The duties of the County Agent are to disseminate information for the promotion and advancement of agriculture, horticulture, and domestic science. (Acts 1913; Sec. 28-4911, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) By an Act of 1931, the office of Home Demonstration Agent was created and is supplemental to the office of the County Agricultural Agent. (Acts 1931; Sec. 28-5627, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1933 the legislature created a County Board of Tax Adjustment. The board consists of one member of the County Council, selected by the Council, and six members appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court. This board has the power as it deems necessary to revise, change or reduce, but not increase any tax levy or any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based. (Acts 1933; Sec. 64-304, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The County Board of Welfare was created by the Acts of 1936. The board consists of five members appointed by the Circuit Court to serve for a term of four years. The board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own home, aged persons, and to all those who are otherwise handicapped. (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1117, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1936 Supplement.)

Judicial

The judicial system of Miami County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the State Constitution and the subsequent legislative

enactments of the Indiana General Assembly. The Constitution authorized and directed the General Assembly to divide into judicial circuits the whole State as the needs arose. Miami County forms the fifty-first circuit established in 1919. (Acts 1919; Sec. 4-332, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Before this period, Miami County was a part of the circuit to which another county was attached. The Constitution further provides the election of a judge of the Circuit Court, and the election of a Prosecuting Attorney for each circuit. (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 9-11.)

In 1852, by a legislative act, the Court of Common Pleas was created. This court continued in existence until it was abolished by an act of the legislature in 1873.

Records System

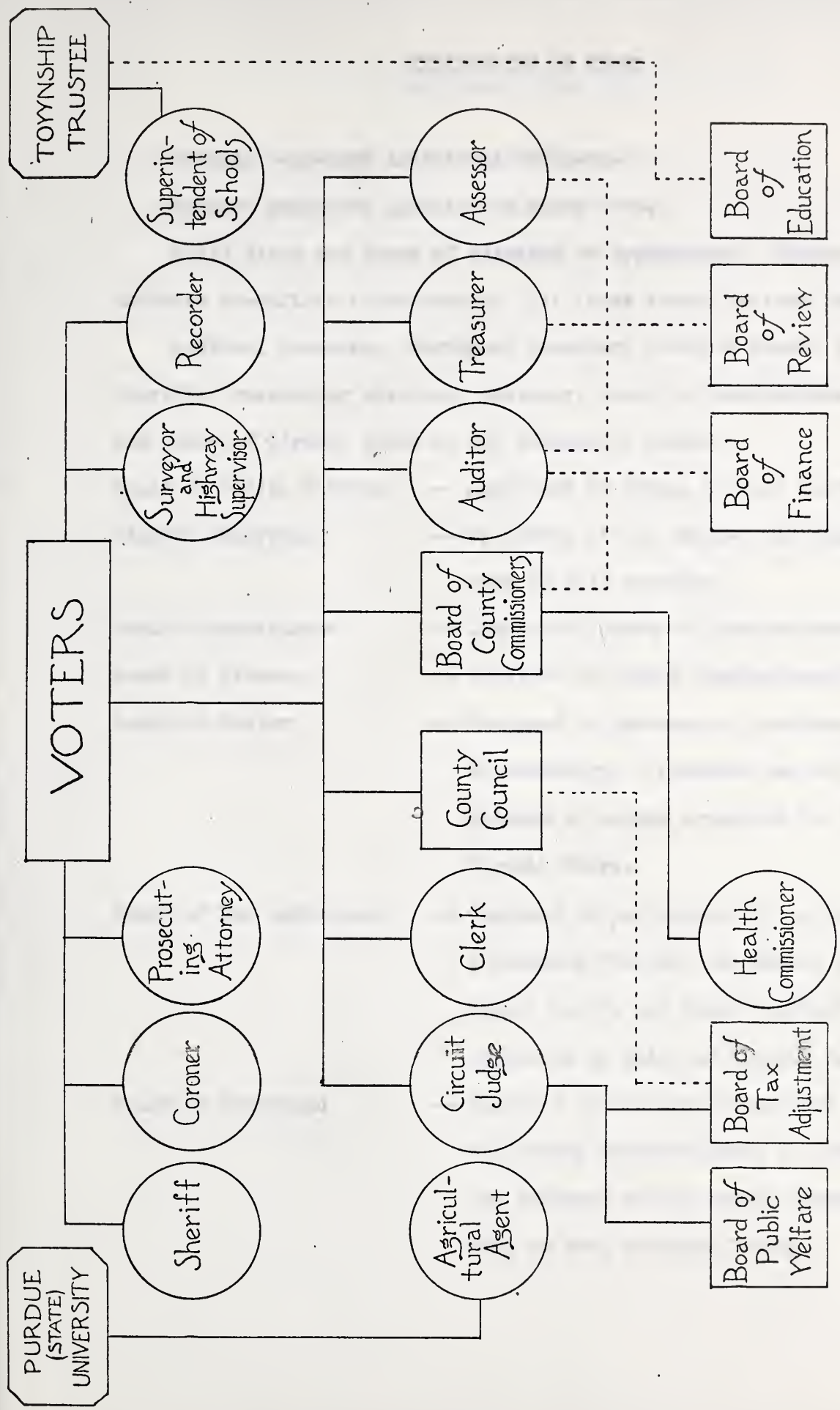
The establishment of each of these offices caused the beginning of separate records as prescribed by the General Assembly under the provisions for each respective office. The courthouse built in 1842-1843 was burned on the night of March 16, 1843, and with it all the records were destroyed. In many of the smaller offices no permanent records have been kept; therefore no survey could be made. Miami County followed its own form of accounting until, in 1909, the legislature established the State Board of Accounts which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (Acts 1909; Sec. 6-202, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The law also permits the use of bound looseleaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper

and ink, and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the Board of County Commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office from mutilation, the Board of County Commissioners issues an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records for preservation. (Acts 1888; Sec. 26-634, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Such records so transcribed have the force and effect of the original records (Acts 1877; Sec. 26-635, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

In 1925, a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the State Archives Bureau, for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (Acts 1925; Sec. 63-830, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The Historical Records Survey will, in due time, submit sample forms of types of records now in use in the several bureaus of county government. From a study of these forms a model arrangement may be organized for the uniform creation of public records, so that the records created daily may be preserved for posterity.



Circles represent individual officers.

Squares represent agencies in board form.

Solid lines are lines of election or appointment. Broken lines indicate ex-officio relationship. All lines should be read downward.

Auditor, Treasurer, Surveyor, Recorder, Clerk of Court, Coroner, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor, Board of Commissioners, Council, and Judge of Circuit Court -- all elected by voters.

Board of Public Welfare -- Appointed by Judge, Circuit Court.

Highway Supervisor -- By virtue of his office, the County Surveyor acts in this capacity.

Health Commissioner -- Elected by Board of Commissioners.

Board of Finance -- Consists of County Commissioners.

Board of Review -- Composed of Assessor as president, Auditor as secretary. Treasurer and two freeholders of county appointed by Judge of Circuit Court.

Board of Tax Adjustment -- Composed of one member of the County Council, a Township Trustee, the Mayor, a member of School Board, and three resident freeholders appointed by Judge of Circuit Court.

Board of Education -- Composed of Township Trustees of Miami County, the County Superintendent of Schools, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city or town in Miami County.

Superintendent of Schools: -- Elected by Township Trustees.

Agricultural Agent -- Appointed by Purdue University with
approval of County Board of Education.

The courthouse of Miami County is set in the center of a fine lawn, which is divided by walks ^{leading} giving access to the four entrances. The building itself is two hundred feet long, one hundred feet wide, and fifty feet high, comprising three stories and a basement. Built in 1910 of smooth Bedford stone, it is in excellent condition, well-lighted, and clean. In its center is a rotunda, admitting daylight to the first and second floors; these floors are occupied by county offices and storage rooms for records-- the first floor housing the offices of the Agricultural Agent, the Assessor, the Auditor, the Board of Public Welfare, and the Superintendent of Schools, and the second floor housing the offices of the Clerk, the Recorder, the Sheriff, and the Treasurer. The third floor contains the museum and a storage-room for records.

Agricultural Agent

The Agricultural Agent's bureau, located on the first floor, measures 30' by 30' by 14', and has two doors 8' by 6', and three windows 7' by 4'. The floor is tile; ceiling and walls, plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the east wall are 10' of shelving, of which 3' are occupied by bound volumes. There is room for expansion with additional shelving. Electricity provides good lighting. Three desks and six chairs furnish accommodations for users. All of the bureau's records are housed here.

Assessor

The Assessor's bureau, located on the first floor, measures 30' by 20' by 16' and has one door 8' by 6', and three windows 6' by 4'. The floor is wood; ceiling and walls, plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the north and east walls are 90' of steel shelving, all occupied with bound volumes. There is room for expansion if new shelving is added. Electricity provides good lighting. Three desks and six chairs furnish accommodations for users. Approximately 27% of the bureau's records are housed here and 73% in the "bum" room on the third floor.

Auditor

The Auditor's bureau, located on the first floor, comprises a main office, private office, and lobby. There are no records in the private office and lobby. The main office measures 45' by 30' by 16', and has three doors 7' by 4', and three windows 12' by 6'. The floor is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in excellent condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the walls are 264' of shelving, of which 180' are occupied by bound volumes, and 160' by file boxes 12" deep containing unbound records. There is room for expansion. Electricity provides good lighting. Four desks and seven chairs furnish good accommodations for users. Approximately 65% of the bureau's records are housed here and 35% in the "bum" room on the third floor. ~~Also housed here are~~ All of the Board of Finance records, 2% of the Board of Public Welfare records, all of the Board of Review records, all of the Board of Tax Adjustment records, and all of the Turnpike Directors records, *are also housed here x*

Clerk

The Clerk's bureau, located in the northeast section of the second floor measures 33' by 33' by 14', and has one door 8' by 6', four doors 8' by 3', and two windows 6' by 3'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The temperature is normal, with good atmospheric conditions. Along the north wall and under the counter are 44' of steel shelving which house 30' of bound volumes, and 68' of file boxes 13" deep containing unbound records. There is room for more records on the present shelving. Electricity furnishes good lighting. Chairs and desks furnish good accommodations for users. Approximately 7% of the Clerk's records are housed here.

The Clerk's vault, located on the south side of the main office, measures 33' by 14' by 14', and has two doors 8' by 4', and one window 8' by 6'. The flooring is tile; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the north, south, and west walls are 500' of steel roller shelving which house 500' of bound volumes, and 1092' of shelving housing file boxes 13" deep containing unbound records; there is no space for expansion. The lighting system is good. A table and chairs afford good accommodations for users. Approximately 76% of this bureau's records are housed here.

Health Commissioner

The office of the Health Commissioner, Dr. Rendal, located on State Road 31 at Mexico, Indiana, measures 12' by 12' by 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ', and has two doors

7' by 3', and two windows 5' by 3'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. There are 5' of bound volumes stacked on a desk in the room. There is plenty of room for future records. The lighting system is good. Approximately 33% of this bureau's records are housed here.

Board of Public Welfare

The Board of Public Welfare, located in the northeast section of the first floor, measures 14' by 32' by 11', and has one door 7' by 5', and one window 7' by 5'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; and are all in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. There are 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' of bound volumes stacked on a desk and cabinet. There is space for new shelving. The lighting system is good. Chairs and tables afford good accommodations for users. Approximately 98% of the bureau's records are housed here.

Recorder

The Recorder's bureau, located in the northwest section of the second floor, measures 20' by 20' by 14', and has three doors 7' by 4' and two windows 7' by 3'. The flooring is marble; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Under the counter are 35' of steel roller shelving which house 30' of bound volumes and 15' of file boxes 12" deep containing unbound records. There is plenty of space for new shelving. The lighting system

is good. Chairs and desks provide good accommodations for users.

Approximately 2% of this bureau's records are housed here.

The Recorder's vault, located in the north side of the main office, measures 30' by 30' by 14', and has two doors 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' by 3', and four windows 1' by $\frac{1}{2}$ '. The flooring is marble; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the walls are 578' of steel roller shelving which house 575' of bound volumes, and 3' of file boxes 14" deep containing unbound records. There is room for expansion with present shelving. The lighting system is good. Chairs and tables afford good accommodations for users. Approximately 98% of this bureau's records are housed here.

Superintendent of Schools

The records of the Superintendent of Schools, located in the northwest section of the first floor, measures 35' by 15' by 14', and has one door 6' by 3', and three windows 5' by 3'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the north and west walls are 70' of steel roller shelving which house 40' of bound volumes. There is ample room for expansion with present shelving. The lighting system is good. A desk and chairs provides good accommodations for users. There are 79% of this bureau's records are housed here and 20% in the Assembly Room. Also 1% are in the Museum Bum Room.

Adjoining the main office is an Assembly Room, which measures 45' by 32' by 12' and has several doors and windows. The flooring is wood; walls

and ceiling are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. There are 5' of bound volumes stacked on a cabinet. There is ample room for expansion. The lighting system is good. Accommodations for users are fair.

Sheriff

The Sheriff's bureau, located in the north central part of the second floor, measures 35' by 15' by 14', and has three doors 7' by 3', and one window 5' by 3'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. Along the west wall are 65' of steel roller shelving which house 32' of bound volumes, and 1' of file boxes 12" deep containing unbound records. There is plenty of room for new shelving. The lighting system is good. Chairs and desks afford good accommodations for users. Approximately 26% of this bureau's records are housed here.

Surveyor

bureau
The records of the Surveyor, housed in the northeast part of the second floor, measures 30' by 25' by 14', and has one door 9' by 6' and three windows 6' by 4'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Under the counter are 61' of steel roller shelving which house 20' of bound volumes, and 7' of file boxes 18" deep containing unbound records. There is ample room for expansion. The lighting system is good. A table and chairs afford good accommodations for users.

Approximately 98% of this bureau's records are housed here. ~~All of~~
the Highway Superintendent's records are housed here.

Treasurer

The ^{bureau} records of the Treasurer, ^{located} in the southwest part of the second floor, measures 40' by 30' by 12', and has one door 9' by 6' and two doors 7½' by 4' and three windows 9' by 6'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the west, north, and south walls are 80' of steel roller shelving which house 60' of bound volumes, and 3' of file boxes 13" deep containing unbound records. There is ample room for shelving. The lighting system is good. Chairs and a desk provide good accommodations for users. Approximately 25% of this bureau's records are housed here and 6% in adjoining room.

The adjoining room of the Treasurer's office measures 16' by 12' by 12' and has three doors 6' by 4' and one window 9' by 6'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the east side are 48' of wood shelving which house 48' of bound volumes, and 3' of file boxes 13" deep containing unbound records. There is ample room for shelving. The lighting system is good; which, with chairs and a desk, provide accommodations for users.

Bum Room

In
On the west central part of the third floor is a Bum Room, which measures 30' by 25' by 18', and has one double door 8' by 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ', and four windows 8' by 3'. The flooring is wood; ceiling and walls are plaster; all are in good condition. The ventilation and atmospheric conditions are good. Along the north, east, and south walls are 475' of shelving which house 775' of bound volumes, and 25' of file boxes 13" deep containing unbound records. On top of cabinets are housed 300' of miscellaneous records. There is no space for additional shelving. This room is used also as a W.P.A. sewing project. Housed in this room are 73% of Assessor's, 5% of Auditor's, 2% of Clerk's, 24% of Commissioner's, 21% of Sheriff's, and 18% of Treasurer's records.

Museum Bum Room

Located in the attic on the fourth floor is the Museum Bum Room, which measures 60' by 10' by 10', and has one door 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ', and no windows. The flooring is cement; walls and ceiling are plaster; all are in good condition. The temperature varies, with atmospheric and ventilation conditions good. Along the south wall are 350' of shelving which house 350' of bound volumes, and 18' of file boxes 10" deep containing unbound records. Also ^{also} there are 40' of miscellaneous records housed on tables. There is no room for expansion. The lighting system is poorly arranged. A table provides only accommodations for users. Housed in this room are 30% of Auditor's, 15% of Clerk's, 53% of Sheriff's, 1% of Superintendent of Schools', 2% of Surveyor's, and 51% of Treasurer's records.

The style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

alph.	alphabetical or alphabetically
Ann.	----- Annotated
Art.	Article
arr.	arranged
aver.	average
Bldg.	Building
Ch.	Chapter
chron.	chronological or chronologically
C. C.	County Courthouse
Const.	Constitution
ib., ibid.	Ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana
Infra	Below
NE.	Northeast
no.	number
nos.	numbers
NW.	Northwest
p., pp.	Page, pages
q. v.	Which see
Rev. Stat.	Revised Statutes
Sec.	Section
SE.	Southeast

SW.	Southwest
Supra	Above
twp.	township
U. S.	United States
V., vol., vols.	Volume, volumes

Other abbreviations occasionally used will be obvious from the context.

Explanation to Inventory

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an explanatory section, giving legal status and functions of each.

Each entry has two parts, or paragraphs: Title and description. Occasionally an entry will have a cross-reference paragraph.

I. The title consists of:

1. Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively within the county.

2. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parentheses, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because either the volume or file has no title or an incorrect title. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parentheses, are supplementary to the title, where it is necessary to explain the type of records more fully.

3. Period covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.

4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one volume or of v. 1 only, the marking is omitted.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

8. Variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its contents, and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.

2. Method of indexing or arrangement.

3. Nature of recording.

4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.

5. Number of pages, averaged for a series.

6. Size, averaged for a series, is given in inches unless otherwise specified; hence the inch sign is omitted.

7. Location.

III. Cross references made to other entries.

1. For records which have a separate index.

2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.

3. For records for which additional information may be found in other entries.

The office of County (Agricultural) Agent was created by legislative enactment in 1913. The act provides that this office shall come into existence only when twenty or more residents of a county who are actively interested in agriculture and domestic science, shall file a petition with the County Board of Education. The petition is then presented to the County Council, which provides appropriations for a salary and expenses for the maintenance of this office. The Board of Education then applies to Purdue University for the appointment of a County (Agricultural) Agent whose appointment is made annually. The Board of Education then ratifies the appointment made by Purdue. The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1918. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

It is the duty of the County (Agricultural) Agent under the supervision of Purdue University, to cooperate with movements for the advancement of agriculture, to give advice to farmers, and aid the county Superintendent of Schools in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science (Acts 1912, 1297, and 1934; Sec. 29-4911, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).. By an act of 1931, the office of Home Demonstration Agent, which is supplement to that of the County Agent, was created (Acts 1931; Sec. 28-5627, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

1. ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF COUNTY AGENT, 1927--. 10 vols.

Record of County Agent's yearly activities as reported to Purdue University, showing summary of activities and accomplishments, changes in county extension organization, county program work, project of activities and results, and outlook and recommendations. Indexed alph. by project. Typed on printed form. 35 pp. 12 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Agent's office.

II ASSESSOR

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This office

The office of County Assessor was created by an Act of 1891. He is nominated in the Primary and elected at the regular election for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms in office. Qualifications are established by law; he must have been a continuous freeholder of Miami County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and he must provide a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freehold sureties approved by the Auditor, who also administers the oath of office. The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1891.

His duties are to assess omitted real and personal property and inheritances, to appraise each school plant, to instruct the township assessors, to carry out the orders of the State tax board, and to act as president of Miami County Board of Review. The statutes direct that he shall be subject to the orders and directions of the State board of tax commissioners. (Acts 1891, 1919; Sec. 64-1102, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

2. ASSESSMENT RECORDS (REAL ESTATE), 1917--. 279 vols.

Record of Assessor's appraisals of real estate and improvements, showing owner, location, description, section, twp., acres, value of land, value of improvements, and net total value. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayers. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 20 x 14 x 1. C.C., Assessor's office.

3. RECORD OF HOLDERS OF MORTGAGES, 7 vols. (1-6; 2 vols.

numbered 1).

Record of certificates of mortgage exemptions, showing mortgagor and

mortgagee, description, location, and amount of mortgage. Arr. alph.
by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 15 x 4.
Assessor's office.

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4. AUTO LICENSE RECORD, 1933. 22 vols.

Record of State licenses for autos and trucks, showing owner, address,
make of car, model, engine no., license no., and size of auto. Arr.
numerically by license no. Typod. 200 pp. 14 x 8 x 2. Museum "bum" rm.

Maps

5. MIAMI COUNTY, 1915. 1 map.

Political map, showing twps., towns, villages, rivers, highways, rail-
roads, interurban lines, and State roads. Published at Indianapolis,
Ind., by Ford Map Co. Printed, black and white. Scale, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile.
60 x 36. Assessor's office.

6. CITY OF PERU, 1917. 1 map.

Political and physical map of the city of Peru, showing plats, lots,
lot nos., streets, alleys, corporation lines, railroads, roads, and
rivers. Drawn by Earl B. Lockridge and Louis C. Johnson. Published
at Peru, Ind. Printed, black and white. Scale, 1" to 300'. 60 x 36.
Recorder's vault.

The Auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and entitled to hold office for not more than eight years in any period of twelve. The Auditor is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Sec. 49-3003, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1841. All of the records of this office are located in the Courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The Auditor is the clerk of the Board of Commissioners. He preserves the documents, books, records, maps, and papers deposited in his office; examines and settles all accounts and demands chargeable against Miami County; keeps an account current with the Treasurer; acknowledges deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust funds; issues pension certificates; institutes suits on behalf of trust funds; files records of poor relief and reports of charity cases; approves bonds of township trustees; advertises and sells bonds; delivers election supplies to election inspectors; prepares tax duplicates; verifies tax rates; issues tax deeds; acts as custodian of school funds; and accepts bequests for cemeteries. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. Acts 1879; Sec. 49-3004 to 49-3018, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.).

Audits and Reports

7. OFFICER'S QUARTERLY REPORTS, 1917--. 5 file boxes.

Record of officers' quarterly financial reports to Auditor, showing date, list of fees by kinds, total of each, and total of all fees remitted.

Arr. chron. 12 x 5 x 10. Auditor's vt.

8. TRUSTEE'S REPORTS, 1872--. 17 file boxes.

Record of annual reports, showing financial transactions and detailed receipts and disbursements in twp. Arr. chron. 12 x 5 x 10. 12 file boxes, 1872-94, museum "bum" rm, 5 file boxes, 1895--, Auditor's vt.

9. REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF POOR, 1882-83.

Record of poor farm inventory, showing date, and itemized list of stocks, materials, supplies, and equipment. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 20 x 15 x 1. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

10. SEMINARY RECORDS, 1841-54. 2 vols.

Record of the sessions of board of trustees of county seminary, showing date, action taken by board, and financial condition. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 13 x 9 x 2. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

Receipts and Disbursements

11. CASH AND FEE BOOK, 1909--. 3 vols.

Record of fees collected and paid into treasury, showing transfers, highway and license fees, road contracts, tax deeds, total collected, and amount paid over to Treasurer. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Auditor's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 15.

12. RECORD OF APPROPRIATIONS AND LEDGER OF ACCOUNTS, 1900--. 15 vols.

(1-2, and 13 vols. not numbered).

Record of appropriations and expenditures, showing the amounts appropriated for the use of the different county and twp, officers, name of fund, and the expenditures under date, and warrant and order no. Arr. alph.

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by name of account. Hdw. on printed form. 629 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 4 vols., 1907-13, "bum" rm., 3rd floor; 11 vols., 1913--., Auditor's off.

For earlier records, see entry 15.

13. MONTHLY BALANCE, 1909--. 5 vols.

Record of Auditor's financial statements, showing receipts, disbursements, and monthly balances. under fund titles, and total balance for all funds. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 1. 1 vol., 1909-11, 3rd floor "bum" rm; 4 vols., 1911--., Auditor's off.

14. GENERAL LEDGER, 1849-1911. 9 vols. (1900-02, missing).

Records of receipts and disbursements of county funds, showing date, title of account, amount of entry, ^{date} totals and balances for each account. Indexed alph. by titles of account. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 7 vols., 1849-1908, 3rd floor "bum" rm; 2 vols., 1909-11, Auditor's vt.

For later records, see entry no. 12.

15. JOURNAL(AUDITOR), 1848-1908. 12 vols.

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing date, amounts. received and distributed to their proper funds, amounts withdrawn from each, to whom paid, and cause. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 12 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1848-53, Museum "bum" rm; 11 vols., 1852-1908, 3rd floor, "bum" rm.

For later records, see entry no. 12.

16. AUDITOR'S REGISTER OF VENUE, COST PAID, 1883--.

Record of court cases, venued to adjoining county, showing all costs paid, names of contesting parties, term of court, jury, Sheriff and bailiff costs, and order book page, Arr. alph. by name of county. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 14 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Auditor's vt.

17. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1841--. 94 vols. (1-3, and 91 vols. not numbered).

Duplicated copies of warrants, showing date, amount, page, cause, date allowed and title of fund credited. Arr. chron. 1841-1921, hdw; 1913--^{300 p x}, typed. 15 x 9 x 2. 5 vols., 1841-79, 3rd floor "bum" rm; 77 vols., 1881-1918, ¹ museum rm; 12 vols., 1919--, Auditor's vt.

18. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, QUIETUS RECORD, 1904--. 8 file boxes, 13 vols.

Record of Treasurer's receipts and Auditor's quietus filed together, showing date, amount, payer, fund, serial no., and signature of Treasurer. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. Vols., 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 1¹/₂. file boxes, 10 x 5 x 16. Auditor's vt.

19. CANCELED CHECKS, 1863--. 48 file boxes.

Canceled checks, showing date, payee, serial no., of check, amount, and fund against which drawn. Arr. chron. 9 x 18 x 4. 38 file boxes, 1863-1928, museum, "bum" rm; 10 file boxes, 1929--, Auditor's vt.

20. RECORD OF AUDITOR'S ORDERS CANCELED, 1880-1904. 1 vol.

Record of apportionment of funds, showing distribution of county revenues, school funds, principal and interest road tax, and dog tax. Arr. by twp, and thereunder chron. Hdw. on printed form. 238 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

Taxes

Appraisements

21. TRANSFER BOOKS, 1850--. 279 vols. Numbering varies.

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Record of change of ownership in real estate, showing name of former owner, description and location of land, acreage, valuation, name of purchaser, and date of transfer. Arr. alph. by name of owners. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1850-62, 3rd floor "bum" rm., 277 vols., 1862--, Auditor's vt.

22. TAX ASSESSMENT SHEETS, 1927--. 497 vols.

Record of tabulated assessments, showing personal and real property, assessed value, description, and owner. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. 350 pp. 15 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Assessor's off.

23. ENUMERATION BOOKS, 1883-1931. 112 vols.

Record of white and colored males, showing name, address, age, color, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of male. Hdw. on printed form. 50 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 40 vols., 1913, ¹⁹¹⁹⁻1925, Auditor's vt., 72 vols., 1883-1895, 1915-1922, 1931, museum "bum" rm.

23 a. VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE, 1869. 1 vol.

Record of land values for taxing purposes, showing name of owner, description and value of land or lot, value of improvements, and total as fixed by Board of Equalization. Arr. alph. by names of taxpayers. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

For later records, see entry 26.

Returns

24. RECORD OF MORTGAGE INDEBTEDNESS, 1894--. 152 vols.

Record of tax exemption claim affidavits, showing date, name of claimant, location and description of property, amount of mortgage, and exemption claim.

Taxes--Returns(continued)

Arr. alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 12 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.
1 vol., 1894-95, 3 rd floor "bum" rm; 105 vols., 1910-1931, museum "bum"
rm; 46 vols, 1931--, Auditor's vt.

24 a. AFFIDAVITS OF MORTGAGE INDEBTEDNESS, 1895-1909. 3 file boxes.
Affidavits of persons seeking exemption from taxation. on mortgage
indebtedness, showing name of owner, location and description of property,
and amount of exemption. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. 12 x 5 x 10.
Museum "bum" rm.

25. AFFIDAVITS OF SOLDIERS' EXEMPTIONS, 1924. 1 vol.
Record of veterans over 70 years of age who served 3 months or more in
Mexican or Civil Wars, petitioning to be exempt from taxation, showing name
and age of veteran or his widow, and description and value of property.
Arr. alph. by name of veterans. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 14 x 9 x $\frac{5}{4}$.
Museum "bum" rm.

Lists

26. ASSESSMENT LIST, 1878--. 2711 vols.
Record of personal property and valuation of same for tax purposes, showing
date, name of owner, twp. or corporation, address, occupation, itemized
list of all chattels, and valuation by owner and Assessor under oath. Arr.
alph. under twp. by name of owners. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 15 x 9 x
1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2214 vols., 1878-1928, museum "bum" rm; 497 vols., 1929--, Assessor's
off.

27. ASSESSOR'S BOOK, 1859--. 661 vols.
Record of listing of personal and real property for taxing purposes, showing

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name and address of owner, description, location, and valuation of property, mortgage, exemption, and net valuation. Arr. alph. under taxing unit, by name of owners. Hdw. on printed form. 125 pp. 17 x 13 x $1\frac{1}{4}$. 64 vols., 1859-1915, 3rd floor "bum"; 597 vols., 1916-- , museum "bum" rm.

28. INHERITANCE AND TRANSFER RECORD, 1913-16. 1 vol.

Record of allotting ^{of} inheritance tax in proportion to shares in estate, showing title of estate, date of decedent's death, value of estate, shares in same by heirs, amount of tax on each, and date of payment. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 24 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Museum "bum" rm.

29. ROAD TAX LIST, 1905-18. 18 vols.

Record of assessments made to defray cost of road repairs, showing description and location of land benefited, owner's name and address, appraised value of property, and apportioned amount of tax levied. Arr. alph by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 125 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Museum "bum" rm.

Delinquent and Erroneous

30. PERU FLOOD CONTROL BOOK AND DELINQUENT ASSESSMENT BOOK, 1931-32.

27 vols.

Record of special tax levy to defray cost of flood control, showing rate of levy, assessment, owner and description of property, date, and amount delinquent. Arr. alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 50 pp. 24 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$; Auditor vt.

31. TAX SALE RECORD, 1865-- . 2 vols.

Record of real estate sales for non payment of taxes, showing name of owner, description of property, location, acreage, date of sale, sale price,

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purchaser, and how redeemed. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp.

18 x 12 x 4. Auditor's off.

32. TAX SALE CERTIFICATE, 1899--. 1 vol.

Record in transcript, showing name of owner, description of property, buyer, amount paid to satisfy tax delinquencies and costs, and redemption period.

Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Auditor's off.

33. ASSIGNMENT OF TAX CERTIFICATES, AUDITOR, 1844-1905. 2 vols.

Record. showing no. of certificate, acknowledgment of value received,

statement of assignment, assignee, date, signature of assignor, and

acknowledgment by Auditor. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 12 x 8

x 1. 1 vol., 1844-91, museum, "bum" rm; 1 vol., 1891-1905, 3rd floor. "bum"

rm.

34. ERRONEOUS TAX ASSESSMENTS, 1882-88. 1 vol.

Check stubs of money paid out for overcharged taxes, showing name of

taxpayer, reason for refund, amount, duplicate no., kind of tax, and

refund date. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. 3rd

floor "bum" rm.

Plat Book and Maps

35. PLAT BOOKS, 1911--. 39 vols.

Record of sectional plats, showing twp., sec., range, date of transfer,

date of deed, grantor and grantee, kind of deed, consideration, description

of property, and plat drawings. Arr. numerically by section no. Hdw. on

printed form. 75 pp. 15 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 38 vols., 1922-32, Auditor's vt. 1 vol., 1911,

museum "bum" rm.

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36. CITY OF PERU, 1917. 1 map.

Political map, showing streets, alleys, additions, railroads, interurban lines, rivers, and public buildings. Printed, black and white. Scale; 1" to 300'. 48 x 60. Auditor's vt.

37. TOWN OF DENVER, 1920. 1 map.

Political map, showing streets, alleys, additions, railroads, interurbans, and public buildings. Drawn by J. Foster Long. Published by Indianapolis Blue Print Co. Blueprint. Scale; 1' to 100'. 36 x 30. Auditor's vt.

38. MIAMI COUNTY, 1931. 1 map.

Political map, showing twps., cities, towns, railroads, interurban lines, rivers, and schools. Drawn by Ford Map Co. Published at Indianapolis, Ind. Printed, black and white, Scale; $1\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1 mile. 60 x 36. Auditor's off.

School Funds

39. SCHOOL TRUSTEE BOND RECORD, 1868--. 6 vols.

Record of school trustee's bonds, showing name of trustee, amount of bond, names of sureties, conditions, stipulations and duration of bond, date, and signatures of parties. Arr. alph. by names of bondholder. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 15 x 12 x 1. 3 vols., 1868-1910, museum, "bum" rm; 3 vols., 1910--, Auditor's vt.

40. SCHOOL COMMISSIONER'S LEDGER, 1838-43. 1 vol.

Record of interest received from sale of lands and on loans of funds, showing from whom received, amount of interest, date due, date of payment, and title of credit account. Indexed alph. by title of account. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 12 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Museum "bum" rm.

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41. SCHOOL FUND ORDER BOOK, 1860-1909. 5 vols. 1883-94, missing.

Record of apportionment of school funds, showing twp., schools enumeration, amount allotted to districts, and warrant no. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 15 x 14 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Museum "bum" rm.

42. LEDGER OF CONGRESSIONAL AND COMMON SCHOOL FUND, 1837-98.

9 vols.

Record of congressional and common school funds, receipts, and disbursements, showing amount of interest received, all orders issued and paid from, funds, and balances. Indexed alph. by titles of accounts. Hdw. on printed form. 213 pp. 15 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

43. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS OF CONGRESSIONAL, COMMON SCHOOL, AND SINKING FUND, 1849-1912. 6 vols.

Record of receipts, showing date, no. of receipts, amount of principals, and interest, receipts from liquor license, forfeitures and fines, Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 5 vols., 1849-1912, 3rd floor "bum" rm.; 1 vol., 1865-93, Auditor's vt.

44. JOURNAL OF SCHOOL FUNDS, 1859-1911. 4 vols. (1-2, and 2 vols. not numbered). 1908-10, missing.

Record of school fund receipts and disbursements, showing date, receipt no., name of payer and payee, receipt of interest, and purpose. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 450 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 3 vols., 1859-1902, 1910-11, 3rd floor "bum" rm; 1 vol., 1903-08, Auditor's vt.

45. SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1838--. 5 vols. (1-3, 1-2).

Record of school fund loans, showing amount borrowed, name of borrower,

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date and amount of interest payments, date and amount of principal payments, and description of lands securing loan. Arr. alph. by name of borrowers.

Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. Auditor's vt.

46. SCHOOL FUND QUIETUS,(STUB BOOK), 3 vols. (1869-96, missing).

Duplicate stubs of original quietus, showing date, serial no., name of payee, Treasurer's receipt no., amount paid, and which fund credited,

Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. Museum "bum" rm.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; Sec. 49-2701, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1834. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The Clerk preserves all records and writings filed in his office. He keeps a set of dockets for all county courts such as appearance, bar, judgment, and execution. He also keeps an order and final record book. He attends the sessions of the Circuit Court and enters in the proper record book all orders, judgments, and decrees of the court; keeps a complete record of all causes where the title to land is involved, and of criminal causes where the punishment is death or imprisonment. He is authorized to receive all funds ordered to be paid into the court. (2 ^{Stat. 1852;} Indiana Rev. Sec. 49-2701 to 49-2725, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Circuit Court

The Circuit Court is authorized by the Indiana Constitution (Indiana Const., Art. 7, Sec. 11). The fifty-first circuit comprises Miami County. The inception date of this court in Miami County is 1834.

The judge of the Circuit Court is elected by the people and the term of office is six years. The court has jurisdiction of law, equity, criminal cases, and settlement of decedent's estates, and of guardianships. It has appellate jurisdiction in certain cases from Justice of Peace Courts. (Acts 1881; Sec. 4-303, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

Change of Venue

47. CHANGE OF VENUE RECORD, 1895-1923. 2 vols.

Record of cases venued, showing names of parties, date filed, proceedings, cost of trial, reference to page no., in fee and order books, cause no., and to what county venued. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. Condition fair. 290 pp. 13 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1895-1910, museum. "bum" rm; 1 vol., 1911-23, Clerk's vt.

48. CHANGE OF VENUE, 1884--. 9 file boxes.

Transcript record of court, granting a change of venue, showing dates, names of parties involved, cause of action, kind of complaint, and from what, or to what, county venued. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 14. 3 file boxes, 1884-1904, museum. "bum" rm; 6 file boxes, 1904--, Clerk's vt.

Civil and Criminal Causes

49. CIVIL COURT DOCUMENTS, 1843--. 364 file boxes.

Legal documents pertaining to each civil case, showing book and page reference to order book. Arr. alph. by title of case. 10 x 4 x 15. Clerk's vt.

50. REGISTER-DISPOSED OF CIVIL CASES, (INDEX TO FILES), 1843--.

4 vols. (A, 1-3).

Index to files containing papers of civil court cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, title of cause, and file box no. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

51. CRIMINAL RECORDS, 1918--. 4 vols.

Record of criminal complaints, showing names of defendant, prosecutor, and party filing charge, term of court, date, kind of charge, and date of affidavit. Indexed alph. by name of criminal. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

52. AFFIDAVIT AND INFORMATION RECORD, 1900--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Copy of affidavits, made to court, relative to alleged guilt of parties, showing name of defendant, nature of case, date filed, case no., and name of affidavit. Indexed alph. by person filing affidavit. 1900-1931, hdw., on printed form; 1931-- , typed on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

53. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1853--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Transcripts of indictments returned, showing term of court, case no., name of defendant, charge, and Clerk's affidavits. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. 1853-9⁷, hdw.; 1899-- , typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

54. RECORD OF RECOGNIZANCE BOND, 1878-1932. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted, to insure the appearance of defendant, showing date, amount of bond, charge, name of defendant, names of sureties, and signatures of Sheriff. Indexed alph., by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 446 pp. 15 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

55. TRANSCRIPT RECORD, 1900--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of ⁷transcripts of court proceedings, and disposition of cases pertaining to Miami County, and tried in other courts, showing title of case, in what court tried, date, and proceedings. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. 1900-27, typed; 1928-- , hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For earlier record, see entry 67.

56. RECORDS OF AFFIDAVITS OF PLAINTIFF'S RESIDENCE, 1896-1903. 1 vol.

Record of affidavits made by plaintiff, to show legal residence in State, showing name of party making affidavit, name of defendant, name of attorney, and date. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clerk's vt.

57. RECORDS OF DECLARATION OF INTENTIONS, 1874-1928, 2 vols.

Record of applications to become naturalized citizens, showing name, age, color, sex, place of birth, nationality of applicant, and present place of residence. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. Clerk's vt.

58. INSANITY RECORD, 1843--. 9 vols. (1-8, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of petitions made to court for admittance of patients to asylum, showing name of patient, name of petitioner, date of hearing, names of witnesses and doctor, and finding of court. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. Condition poor. 300 pp. 12 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1843-76, 3rd floor, "bum" rm; 8 vols., 1876--, Clerk's vt.

59. INSANITY INQUESTS, 1883--. 24 file boxes.

Reports of medical examiners in inquests for insanity, showing date, name, and address of patient, verdict of commitment or discharge, and names of examiners. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 14. 6 file boxes, 1883-98, museum "bum" rm; 18 file boxes, 1898--, Clerk's vt.

60. RILEY HOSPITAL, 1928--. 1 vol.

Record of applications made to court to admit patients to Riley Hospital, showing name of patient and parents, reason for petition, action taken, and date admitted. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

61. RESTORED RECORD, CIVIL, 1843-1843. 1 vol.

Transcript of the act of the State General Assembly, authorizing Clerk to perpetuate any court record destroyed by fire, showing affidavits made by interested parties seeking to perpetuate a record of judgments, decrees, testimonies, or other court proceedings. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

Court Proceedings

(See also entries 74-100, 101-106)

62. ENTRY AND ISSUE DOCKET, AND FEE BOOK, 1889--. 49 vols. (T-Z, 27-68).

Record of entry of cause of action, with cost of cases tried, showing cause no., date of filing, kind of action, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, judgments, fees, receipts, order book and page no. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff, 1889-1915, hdw; 1915--, typed on printed form. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

63. ENTRY DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1854-1913. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of all civil cases entered for jurisprudence, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause no., description of issue, date filed, and name of attorney. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 3 vols., 1854-92, 3rd floor, "bum" rm; 3 vols., 1892-1913, Clerk's, vt.

For later record, see entry 62.

64. CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET, 1853-1910. 89 vols. (1-89).

Record of all civil causes filed for action, showing case no., names of attorneys, names of parties, kind of action, when filed, pleadings, and proceedings. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form.

400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

For later record, see entry 62.

65. COURT DOCKET, CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS, 1927--. 1 vol.

Record of applications to the court, for the admittance of old or disabled persons, to charitable institutions, showing name of applicant and institution, date of hearing, and finding of court. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 12 x 10 x 4. Clerk's off.

66. JUDGES BENCH DOCKET; CIRCUIT COURT, 1851-1915. 118 vols. (A-Z, 1-83, and 9 vols. not numbered).

Record of all cases tried, as kept by judge, showing description of each case, proceedings, date of filing and disposition, and manner of disposal. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 113 vols., 1851-1915, 3rd floor "bum" rm; 5 vols., 1876, and 1911-13, Clerk's vt.

For later record, see entry 62.

67. ORDER BOOK(CIVIL), 1843--. 75 vols. (A-Z, 27-75). 1834-43, destroyed by fire.

Record of proceedings, and disposition of all civil cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of cause, date disposed, and cause no. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. 1843-99, hdw; 1900-, typed. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

68. INVENTORY RECORD (ASSIGNEES AND RECEIVERS). 1881-1914. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of schedules of inventories, assets, and liabilities of receiverships, showing a complete list of all assets, inventories, appraised value, names of creditors, nature of claim, and amount due. Indexed alph. by name of

receivership. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

69. ALLOWANCE DOCKET, ASSIGNEE AND RECEIVERS, 1873-1914. 1 vol.

Record of allowances made to creditors in receivership cases, showing name of claimant, amount of claim, against whom, amount allowed by order of court, and receipt of satisfaction. Indexed alph. by name of creditor.

Hdw. 377 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For later record, see entry 62.

70. PARTITION RECORD REAL ESTATE, 1852-69. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of partition suits filed for action, showing names of parties to action, description of land involved, proceedings, and disposition made of case, Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

71. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1843--. 22 vols. (A-T, 3 vols. numbered A).

Record of judgments rendered, showing against whom judgment was rendered, amount of judgment and court costs, in whose favor judgment is made and book and page reference to fee book and order book, Indexed alph. by name of judgment debtor. 1843-1900, 1902--, hdw. on printed form; 1900-1902--, ~~hdw. on printed form~~; 1900-1902, typed. 325 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 12 vols., 1843-1905, 3rd floor "bum" rm; 10 vols., 1905--, Clerk's vt.

For earlier record, see entry 61.

72. GENERAL INDEX TO JUDGMENTS, 1843--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Index to judgment dockets, showing name of party against whom judgment was rendered, and book and page reference to judgment docket. Arr. alph. by name of judgment debtor. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

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73. COMPLETE RECORD, 1843-1914. 117 vols. (A-K, 1-101. 2 vols. numbered 1. 2 vols. numbered 69). Prior to 1843, destroyed by fire.

Record of all cases tried in Circuit Court, and a narrative account of each case, showing names of parties to case, proceedings, and disposition made. Indexed alph. by title of cause. 1843-1909, hdw; 1909-1914, typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

74. INDEX TO COMPLETE RECORDS, 1843-1914. 1 vol.

General index to complete records, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, title of cause and book, and page reference to Complete Record. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

Executions of Judgments

75. RECORD OF EXECUTION OF JUDGMENTS, 1843--. 9 vols. (A-1).

Record of executions of judgments, showing date writ was issued, kind of writ, date delivered, to whom served, amount of court costs and judgments, and name of party awarded judgment. Indexed alph. by name of judgment debtor. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For earlier record, see entry 61.

76. EXECUTIONS (OF JUDGMENTS), 1858--. 30 file boxes.

Writs of executions by court orders, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, cause no., amount involved, and sale of property. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 14. 15 file boxes, 1858-1906, museum "bum" rm; 15 file boxes, 1906--, Clerk's vt.

77. PRECIPUE FOR EXECUTION, 1874-92. 2 vols. 1 vol., 1878-84, missing.

Record of attorneys orders, to direct the Sheriff, to proceed with collections of judgments, showing cause, amount of judgment, date of preceipe, names of parties involved, and name of attorney. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 1 vol.; 1874-78, museum "bum" rm; 1 vol.; 1884-92, 3rd floor "bum" rm.

For later record, see entry 76.

78. LIS PENDENS, 1874--. 5 vols. Sub-Titled; CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE, 1874--, 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered). SHERIFF'S NOTICES, 1887--, 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of lis pendens notices, and certificates issued to parties buying property sold by order of court, showing date of notice, names of parties to action, nature of cause, description of property involved, name of plaintiff's attorney, to whom sold, amount sold for, date sold, and amount of judgment. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff, and defendant, and purchaser. Hdw. on printed form. 475 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1874-78, 3rd floor "bum" rm; 4 vols., 1878--, Clerk's vt.

Probate Causes

79. PROBATE COURT DOCUMENTS, 1843--. 476 file boxes. (1-476).

Legal papers pertaining to each probate case, showing name of estate, case no., and book and page reference to order book. Arr. chron. 11 x 5 x 17. Clerk's vt.

For earlier record, see entry 92.

80. GENERAL INDEX TO ESTATES, 1843--. 2 vols.

Index to files, containing papers of probate cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, title of cause, and file box no. Arr. alph by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1843-76, 3rd floor "bum" rm; 1 vol., 1876--, Clerk's vt.

81. INDEX TO GUARDIANSHIPS, 1871--. 1 vol.

General index to guardianship papers, showing name of guardian, and file box no. Arr. alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on printed form. Condition poor. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Museum "bum" rm.

82. WILL RECORDS, 1843--. 11 vols. (A, 1-10).

Record of transcripts of wills, showing name of testator, date of will, date of recording and transcript, name of witnesses, heirs, and administrator, and amount to be received by each heir. Arr. alph. by name of testator. 1843-1907, hdw; 1907--, typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For earlier record, see entry 92.

83. WILLS, 1843--. 37 file boxes. (A-Z).

Wills and last testaments, as officially recorded in will record, showing name of deceased, date filed and approved, as prescribed in settlement of estate. Arr. alph. by name of decedent. 12 x 5 x 13. Clerk's off.

84. RECORD OF ADMINISTRATOR BONDS, 1904--. 3 vols. (4-6). V. 1-3, prior to 1904, missing.

Record of transcript of bonds posted by parties qualifying for administrator in settlement of estates, showing amount of bond, and date filed, Indexed by administrator. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's annex.

85. EXECUTOR'S BONDS, OATH, AND LETTERS, 1852--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of bonds as given by executor of trust funds, showing name of executor, amount of bond, term of bond, and description of trust. Indexed alph. by name of executor. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Clerk's vt.

86. GUARDIANS' BOND RECORD, 1893--. 2 vols. (3-4). Vols. 1-2, prior to 1893, missing.

Record of bonds posted by parties qualifying as guardian, showing name of guardian, names and ages of wards, amount of bonds, and date bond filed for approval by court. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

87. BOND TO SELL REAL ESTATE, (ADMINISTRATOR), 1898--. 1 vol.

Record of additional bond posted to sell real estate, showing date of bond, name of bonding company or surety, amount of bond, and affidavit of Clerk. Indexed alph. by name of administrator. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

88. BOND TO SELL REAL ESTATE, (GUARDIAN), 1898--. 1 vol.

Record of additional bond posted by guardian to sell real estate, showing date of appearance, bondsman, affidavits, names of guardian and wards, description of real estate, and date additional bond filed. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

89. RECORD OF INVENTORY (PERSONAL ESTATES), 1852--. 11 vols. (1-11).

Record of inventory of estates, showing name of estate, value, description of property, appraised value, and total amount of inventory. Indexed alph. by estate names. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 6 vols., 1852-1906,

3rd floor "bum" rm; 5 vols., 1906--, Clerk's vt.

For earlier record, see entries 92. and 96. For index, see entry 90.

90. INDEX INVENTORY RECORD, 1899--. 1 vol. (3). Vols. 1-2, prior to 1899, missing.

General index, showing name of decedent, book and page references. Arr. alph. by name of decedent. Hdw. Condition fair. 50 pp. 18 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

91. RECORD OF SALE BILLS, PROBATE, 1855-1915. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of personal belongings sold by order of court in the settlement of estates, showing list of articles, price received for each item, date sold, terms, signatures of administrators and sale clerk. Indexed alph. by name of decedent. Hdw. 340 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. 4 vols., 1855-97, 3rd floor, "bum" rm; 1 vol., 1897-1915, Clerk's vt.

For later record, see entry 96.

92. RESTORED RECORD, PROBATE, 1843. 1 vol.

Record of restored probate case records, destroyed by fire, showing affidavits of interested parties, seeking to perpetuate a record of claims against estates, wills, administrator's reports, or any proceedings of probate cases. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

93. FINAL REPORTS, 1924--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of final reports on estates submitted by administrators for approval by court, showing name of estate, detailed account of expenditures involved in the settlement of estate, and manner of settlement. Arr. alph. by name of estate. Typed on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For earlier record, see entry 96.

Proceedings in Probate Causes

(See also entries 62-74, 99-106)

94. ESTATE ENTRY, CLAIM, AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1858--. 13 vols.

(2-14). Vol. 1, prior to 1858, missing.

Record of claims presented and allowed by court against estates, showing name of claimant, name of estate, date filed, amount of claim, and amount allowed by court. Indexed alph. by name of claimant. Hdw. on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

95. GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET, 1871--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of guardianship cases filed for action, showing names of guardian and wards, ages of wards, case no., date letters and reports filed, amount of bond posted, and orders of court. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on printed form. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For earlier record, see entry 98.

96. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, 1843--. 46 vols. (A-B, 1-44). Prior to 1843, destroyed by fire.

Record of all probate cases disposed of, showing name of decedent, date reports filed, amount of claims allowed, and manner of final settlement of each case. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. 427 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

97. INHERITANCE TAX RECORD, 1932--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of inheritance tax ordered by court to be paid to Treasurer, showing name of deceased, date of death, names of heirs, amount of inheritance, and amount of inheritance tax. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 300 pp. 12 x 10 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's off.

For earlier record, see entry 96.

98. JUDGE'S DOCKET, (GUARDIANSHIP), 1858-1900. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of guardianship cases, showing case no., name of guardian, names and ages of wards, amount, and date bond filed, description of case, proceedings, and manner in which disposed. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For later records, see entry 98.

Juvenile Causes and Court Proceedings

(See entries 62-74, 94-98, 101-106)

99. RECORD OF THE JUVENILE COURT, (JUVENILE COMPLAINTS), 1917--.

12 file boxes.

Formal complaint papers, showing names of probation officer and defendant, date filed, and date of appearance. Arr. chron. 11 x 5 x 13. Judge's private off.

100. JUVENILE COURT (DOCKET), 1917--. 1 vol.

Record of cases filed against juveniles, showing name of juvenile, name of complainant, cause no., name of attorney, nature of charge, date of hearing, and finding of court. Indexed alph. by name of juvenile. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

The Common Pleas Court was established by an act of 1852. (Acts 1852.) The judges were elected at regular elections for terms of four years. The inception date of this court in Miami County is 1853. Because of the inadequacies of this court, it was abolished by an act of 1873. The jurisdiction was transferred to the Circuit Court. (Acts 1873, Chap. 29, p. 87.)

The Common Pleas Court had jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; appointment of guardians of persons of unsound mind, and other legal disabilities; on matters relating to executors and administrators; civil matters ^{ranging} from fifty to one thousand dollars except ^{cases} of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, action of official bond, or where the title of real estate shall be in issue; and criminal jurisdiction in cases which are not felonies and which are not triable by a justice of the peace. (acts 1852.)

Court Proceedings

(See also entries 62-74, 94-100)

101. ENTRY DOCKET-COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-79. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of all cases entered for action, showing case no., names of parties in action, date filed, kind of action, names of attorneys, and remarks as to disposition of case. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 11 x 3. 3d floor, "bum" room.

102. ORDER BOOK - COMMON PLEAS, 1853-80. 10 vols. (1-10).

Record of court proceedings and disposition made of cases, showing names of parties, date tried, and narrative account pertaining to each case. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

103. JUDGE'S BENCH DOCKET, 1853-79. 16 vols.

Record of court cases as kept privately by judge, showing all proceedings of each case, names of parties, name of attorney, description of case, dates tried, and cause no. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3d floor, "bum" rm. .

104. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1853-79. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of judgments ordered, showing names of parties in action, amount of judgment, costs, date, order no., receipt of Clerk, and receipt by judgment creditor or attorney. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 320 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 3d floor, "bum" rm.

105. COMPLETE RECORD, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1855-59. 1 vol.

Record of proceedings and final actions of cases held in court, showing preliminary and final proceedings, court action, names of parties, nature of cause, description and disposition of each case. Indexed. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 900 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

106. EXECUTION DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS, 1853-76. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of executions on court judgments, showing date of issue, kind of writ, name of judgment debtor, amount, date, cost, to what offices issued, to whom delivered, and officer's return. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

Fee Books

107. REGISTER OF FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST, 1902--.

8 vols. (1-8).

Record of money paid in trust to county, showing from whom received, date received, amount received, date disbursed, amount disbursed, to whom paid, and book reference to court order book. Arr. alph. by name of recipient. Hdw. on printed form. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 4 vols., 1902-12, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.; 4 vols., 1912--., Clerk's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 114.

108. FEE BOOK - PROBATE, FEE BOOK - ESTATE, 1844--. 28 vols.

(1-13, and 15 vols., not numbered). Prior to 1884, destroyed by fire.

Record of fees paid to court in settlement of estates, showing name of estate, name of administrator or executor, amount of fees, date paid, case no., and page and book reference to probate order book. Arr. alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 10 vols., 1844-76, 3d floor "bum" rm.; 18 vols., 1876--., Clerk's vt.

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109. FEE BOOK -CIVIL, REGISTER OF FEES, 1861-1915. 27 vols.

(A-S, and 8 vols., not numbered).

Record of fees collected by Clerk in civil suits, showing cause no., name of plaintiff, name of defendant, amount of fees, by whom paid, date paid, and book and page reference to order book. Indexed alph. by plaintiff's name. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

For later records, see entry 62.

110. FEE BOOK - GUARDIANSHIP, 1886--. 3 vols. (9-13).

Vol. 8, 1879-86, missing.

Record of guardians' fees paid, showing name of guardian, case no., date paid, amount of fees, book, and page no. in guardianship docket. Arr. alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 113.

111. REGISTER OF FEE BILLS, 1879--. 1 vol. (2).

Vol. 1, prior to 1879, missing.

Record of fees due county not paid through the regular channels but collected by the Sheriff on special court orders, showing amount of fee, date of writ, cause, to whom issued, and date paid. Indexed alph. by name of party owing fee. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

112. AFFIDAVITS OF WITNESSES FOR COURT ATTENDANCE,
WITNESS CLAIMS, 1889-1914. 7 vols.

Record of witness fees, showing name of witness, witness' claim for mileage and time fees, names of plaintiff and defendant, affidavit of witness, and dates. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

For later records, see entry 62.

113. FEE BOOK - COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-79. 7 vols. (1-7).

Record of fees collected for trial of case, showing name of payer, case no., nature of case, date, and amount paid. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 3d floor. "bum" rm.

For later records, see entry 110.

Receipts and Disbursements

114. CASH BOOK, JOURNAL, 1895--. 11 vols. (1-7, and 4 vols., not numbered).

Record of cash fees received for licenses, fines and forfeitures, showing date received, amount, from whom received, purpose of fee, and record of cash paid into county funds. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 450 pp. 18 x 15 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

115. CLERK'S DAILY BALANCE AND CASH STATEMENT, 1920-23.

3 vols. (1-3).

Record of daily cash balances of funds, showing receipts and disbursements, total for the day, cash on hand, and balance of each depository.

Receipts and Disbursements(continued)

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Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 320 pp. 11 x 9 x 2. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

For earlier and later records, see entry 114.

116. SUPPORT DOCKET, 1912--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of money paid for support of minor children and other dependants, by court order, showing from whom received, for whom paid, amount, and date received, and disbursed. Indexed alph. by name of recipient.

Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. 1 vol., 1912-18, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.; 4 vols., 1918--, Clerk's office.

117. JUROR'S DOCKET, 1888--. 3 vols.

Register of jurors and their daily expenses, showing name of juror, days served, mileage allowances, and amount paid to each juror. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 9 x 15 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

For earlier records, see entry 64.

118. FINES AND FORFEITURES, 1910-17. 1 vol.

Record of fines and forfeitures collected, showing from whom collected, for what paid, amount, cause no., and date paid. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

For earlier and later records, see entry 114.

Elections

Voters

119. (VOTERS REGISTRATION FILE), 1934--. 200 vols.

Registration of all voters as required by an act of 1933, State and

Elections-Voters(continued).

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General Assembly, showing name of voter, place of birth, age, address, and in what precinct voting. Arr. by precinct; thereunder, alph. by voter's name. Typed on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 14 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

120. REGISTRATION BOOKS, 1916. 42 vols.

Record of registered voters, showing name and address, date registered, place of birth, and place of residence 30 days prior to election. Arr. by precinct, thereunder, alph. by voters name. Hdw. on printed form. 25 pp. 17 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 3rd floor, "bum" rm.

121. INTENTION TO BECOME AN ELECTOR, 1890-96. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of persons declaring intentions to become qualified electors, showing date of notices, names of electors, ages, twp., towns, or cities, street addresses, nos. of wards or precincts. Arr. alph. by name of declarant. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. 3rd. floor "bum" rm.

122. INTENTION TO HOLD RESIDENCE, 1890-92. 1 vol.

Record of affidavits filed by parties temporarily residing out of county, but desiring to hold residence for voting, showing name of affiant, date filed, and address. Indexed alph. by name of affiant. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 3rd floor, "bum" rm.

123. RECORD OF ABSENT VOTER'S BALLOT, 1922--. 4 vols. Title varies.

Record of ballots cast by absent voters, showing name of voter, address, precinct, twp., date ballots are mailed, and returned, and to what town and state sent. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$. 2 vols., 1922-30, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.; 2 vols., 1930--, Clerk's off.

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Returns

124. ELECTION RECORD, 1890-- . 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of official tabulation of election returns, showing names of candidates, office sought, and no. of votes in each precinct. Arr. by twps. and wards. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

125. OFFICERS REGISTER, 1873-1912. 2 vols. (A,2).

Register of county and twp. officials elected, showing names of office holders, name of office, date elected, term of office, date bond posted, and name of surety. Arr. alph. by name of official. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

126. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS, 1844--. 17 vols. Title varies.

Record of bond posted by county officials, showing names of office holder and bondsman, term of office, amount of bond, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of official. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 14 vols., 1844-1906, 3rd floor, ^{"fourth"} rm.; 3 vols., 1906--, Clerk's vt.

For general index, see entry #127.

127. OFFICIAL BOND INDEX, approx. 1844--. 1 vol.

Index to entry #126, showing file box no., name of bondsman, and name of bonded. Arr. alph. by officer's name. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Clerk's vt.

128. JUSTICE, NOTARY, AND CONSTABLE BOND, 1888-1903. 1 vol.

(2). Vol. 1, prior to 1888, missing.

^{given by officers}
Transcript of bonds ¹ for legal and proper execution of their duties, showing name of principal and surety, date posted, and amount and condition of bond. Indexed alph. by name of person bonded. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. 1 vol. 1888-1903, Clerk's vt.

For later notary record, see entry #128A.

128a. NOTARY PUBLIC'S BOND RECORD, 1903--. 2 vols. (3-4).

Transcript of bond for legal and proper execution of duties, showing name of principal and surety, date posted, amount and condition of bond. Indexed alph. by name of person bonded. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. 2 vol., 1903--, Clerk's vt.

For earlier record, see entry #128.

Official Bonds(Miscellaneous)

129. MISCELLANEOUS BOND RECORD, 1898--. 3 vols., (1-3).

Transcripts of miscellaneous bonds, including receivers, replevin, and trustee's bonds, showing name of party giving bond, purpose, date posted, and amount of bond. Indexed alph. by name of party giving bond. 1898-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

Licenses

Marriage

130. MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS, 1875--. 29 file boxes.

Applications for marriage license, showing names, ages, addresses, dates of birth and filing, and parental data. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 4. 14 file boxes, 1875-1908, 4th floor, museum "bum+" rm.; 15 file boxes, 1908--, Clerk's vt.

131. MARRIAGE RECORD APPLICATIONS, 1843--. 39 vols.

(A, 2-39). Prior to 1843, destroyed by fire.

Record of applications made and licenses issued to parties for marriage, showing names and age of bride and groom, place of residence, occupation, nationality, and condition of health. Indexed alph. by name of groom.

Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

132. MARRIAGE RECORD (RETURNS), 1855-95. 4 vols. (2-5).

Vol., prior to 1855, missing.

Record of marriage returns made by parties performing marriage ceremony, showing names of bride and groom, date of license and marriage, and signatures of attending witnesses. Indexed alph. by name of groom. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

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Professional

133. PHYSICIAN'S LICENSES, 1885--. 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Applications for physicians license, showing name, age, address of applicant, school of medicine, date of graduation, and date license was issued.

Indexed alph. by name of physician. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

134. DENTAL CERTIFICATES AND LICENSE RECORD, 1899--. 1 vol.

Applications and certificates of licenses issued to practice dentistry, showing name, age, office location of applicant, name of school, and years of training. Indexed alph. by name of dentist. Hdw. on printed form. Condition fair. 150 pp. 15 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

135. OPTOMETRY LICENSE RECORD, 1907--. 1 vol.

Applications and issuance of license to practice optometry, showing name, date of application, date of expiration, and location of business. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on printed form. Condition fair. 130 pp. 14 x 8 x 1. Clerk's vt.

136. NURSES LICENSE RECORD, 1906--. 1 vol.

Register of trained nurses, showing name of nurse, date licensed, and place of residence. Indexed alph. by name of nurse. Hdw. on printed form. 40 pp. 10 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

137. RECORD OF VETERINARY LICENSE, (APPLICATIONS), 1901. 1 vol.

Applications filed to practice veterinary science, showing date filed, name and address of applicant, name of school attended, and years of practice.

Indexed alph. by name of veterinary ^{vet}. Hdw. on printed form. 130 pp.

14 x 8 x 1. Clerk's vt.

License--Professional(continued)

137a. VETERINARY LICENSE, 1901. 3 file boxes.

Veterinary license issued, showing date issued, name and address of applicant, and name of school attended. Arr. chron. 11 x 5 x 13. Clerk's vt.

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138. JUNK DEALERS LICENSE, 1905--. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Applications filed and junk dealer's license issued, showing name, date filed, dealer's location, and date of approval. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on printed form. 125 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{7}{8}$. Clerk's vt.

139. PETTY MONEY LENDER'S LICENSE, 1913-16. 1 vol.

Applications filed and licenses issued to operate loan companies, showing name of applicant and loan company, location, date filed and issued, and Clerk's affidavit. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 8 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

140. POULTRY DEALERS' LICENSE, 1917--. 2 vols.

Applications for license and licenses issued to buyers and sellers of poultry, showing applicant's name, place of business, and date issued. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on printed form. 125 pp. 14 x 10 x 2. Clerk's vt.

141. RECORD FOR SIRE LICENSE, 1899-1926. 1 vol.

Record of applications for license and licenses issued to owners of stallion for breeding, showing name of owner, name of stallion, description, pedigree and date of license. Indexed alph by owner. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clerk's vt.

License--Business(continued)

142. REGISTER OF LIQUOR LICENSES, 1881-1907. 3 vols.

Register of licenses issued to dealers to sell alcoholic beverages, showing dealer's name, date licensed, place of business, and license no. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 3/4. 4th floor "bum" rm.

Certificates

143. REGISTER OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, 1875--. 1 vol.

Record of certificates issued to insurance companies transacting business in the county, showing name of company, name of resident agent, and date certificate filed. Arr. alph. by name of company. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 14 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

Registers

144. FIRM, CO., PARTNERSHIP, 1909--. 1 vol.

Record of individuals of firms and partnerships operating businesses, showing name of firm, location, kind of business, and names of owners. Arr. alph. by name of firm. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clerk's vt.

145. ESTRAY RECORD, 1848-1911. 1 vol.

Record of livestock reported strayed, showing name of party reporting, date reported, kind of stock, no., and description of stock. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 8 x 2. Clerk's vt.

The Board of Commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Sec. 26-601, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) Miami County had a Board of Commissioners prior to 1852 which was provided for in the Constitution of 1816. The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1834. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The Board of Commissioners holds twelve monthly sessions. It makes orders respecting the property of the county, sells, purchases, takes care of, and preserves the property. It allows all accounts chargeable against the county not otherwise provided for and directs the raising of sums necessary for expenses, audits accounts of all officers, provides election supplies, and maintains highways. It may abolish or change twp. or precinct boundary lines, establish libraries and hospitals, aid war veterans, pay bounties, offer rewards, and appoint deputy sheriffs, highway, and drainage commissioners. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1863, 1865, 1879 Special Session, 1885, 1897, 1913, 1921, and 1929; Sec. 26-601 to 26-639, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Proceedings and Reports

146. COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, 1834---. 42 vols. (AB-Z, A, B, 1-15). Minutes of regular and special sessions of board, showing date, and actions taken. Indexed alph. by subject titles. June, 1834-1907, hdw.; 1907---, typed on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Auditor's vt.

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Claims and Allowances

147. COMMISSIONERS' DOCKET OF ALLOWANCES, 1866--.. 21 vols.

(1, 9-10, A-G, 2 vols. C; and 9 vols., not numbered.)

Title varies.

Record of claims filed with board, showing claimants, nature of claim, amount, date filed, and date and amount of allowance. Arr. chron.

Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 10 vols., 1866-1910,

3rd floor, "bum" room; 11 vols., 1910--, Auditor's file rm.

For earlier records, see entry 146.

148. CLAIM REGISTER, 1910-29. 25 vols.

Record of evidence of payment, showing affidavit of claim, amount allowed, no. and nature of claim, and name of claimant. Arr. chron.

Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 10 x 12 x 5. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

149. PAID COUNTY CLAIMS, 1842--.. 67 file boxes.

Record of claims paid by Auditor, showing date, name of claimant, nature and no. of claim, warrant no., and amount. Arr. chron. 12 x 5 x 10. 40 file boxes, 1842-94, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm; 27 file boxes, 1894--, Auditor's vt.

150. OLD AGE PENSIONS, 1933--.. 1 vol.

Record of applications for State old age pensions, showing name, age, reason, questions and answers pertaining to eligibility, if allowed or rejected, and amount allowed. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Typed on printed form. 500 pp. 13 x 12 x 4. Auditor's off.

For later records, see entry 178.

151. POOR RELIEF RECORDS, 1899-1934. 33 vols.

Stubs of poor relief orders issued, showing name of indigent, cause,

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for relief, and amount and kind of assistance granted. Arr. chron.

Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 9 x 17 x 1. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

152. REGISTER OF POOR ORDERS--POOR RELIEF LEDGER, 1895-1910.

3 vols. Title varies.

Record of poor relief, showing accounts of twps., debits and credits,

amounts, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 12

x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1896-99, 3rd floor, "bum" room; 2 vols., 1895-1910,

4th floor, "bum" rm.

153. RECORD OF APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF OF SOLDIERS' FAMILIES,

1866-68. 1 vol.

Record of applications for relief under act of Congress of March

5, 1865, showing date, name of applicant, kind of relief petitioned

for, and date relief began. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. Hdw.

on printed form. 100 pp. 12 x 9 x 1. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

Bids and Contracts

154. BIDDERS' RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of bids received on county contracts, showing date, name of

bidder, materials or supplies requisitioned, and amount of bid

submitted. Arr. alph. by names of bidder. Hdw. on printed form.

500 pp. 14 x 12 x 3. Auditor's off.

155. RECORD OF DITCH CONTRACT AND BONDS, 1887-1904. 2 vols. (2-3).

Vol. 1, prior to 1887, missing.

Record of contracts for construction of ditches and contractor's bonds,

showing name and location of ditch, stipulations of contract, amount

of bond, name of contractor, signatures of bondsmen, and date of

acceptance by board. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp.

15 x 12 x 3. 3rd floor, "bum" rm.

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Roads, Bridges and Ditches

156. HIGHWAY RECORDS, 1882-99. 1 vol.

Record of data connected with highway construction, showing date, name of highway, petition describing road, signatures of benefited property owners, viewer's signed report, remonstrances, final hearing, and decision of Commissioners. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 12 x 9 x 1. 4th floor, museum "bum" room.

For index, see entry 157.

157. INDEX PUBLIC HIGHWAY, 1834-1911. 1 vol.

Index showing title of roadway, viewers, location, twp., sec., range, and book and page reference in "Highway Record". Arr. alph. by name of highway. Hdw. on printed form. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Auditor's vt.

158. ADVANCE COST GRAVEL ROAD AND DITCHES, 1914-15. 1 vol.

Record of money advanced for repair of roads and ditches, showing date, title of road or ditch, warrant no., to whom paid, cause, and amount. Arr. alph. by name of road or ditch. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 1/2. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

159. FREE GRAVEL ROAD REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1910-15. 2 vols.

Record of receipts and disbursements for road repairs, showing name of road, amount received, amounts paid out for labor, materials, and supplies. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 350 pp. 14 x 12 x 3. Auditor's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 161.

160. FEE BOOK HIGHWAYS AND DITCHES, 1882-1902. 1 vol.

Record of fees allowed by Commissioners, showing petitions filed,

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petitioners, docket, no., report of viewers, decision of Commissioners, fees, and name of payee. Indexed alph. by name of petitioner. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 13 x 13 x 2. 3rd floor, "bum" rm.

For earlier and later records, see entry 146.

161. LEDGER, FREE GRAVEL ROAD, 1883-1905. 1 vol.

Record of free gravel road repairs, showing date, labor hours, materials used, amounts, and costs. Arr. by accounts and funds. Hdw. on printed form. 296 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3rd floor, "bum" rm.

For later records, see entry 159.

162. TRANSCRIPTS OF AFFIDAVITS FROM SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1921-22.

1 vol.

Record of apportionments for improvement assessments, showing name of owner, description of property, allotment, original specifications, benefits derived, memoranda of work details, and substantiating affidavit. Arr. alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

163. HIGHWAYS, COST OF LOCATIONS AND DITCHES, not dated. 1 vol.(E).

Record of estimates on highway and ditch construction costs, showing petitioners, evidence of publication of notices, and location. Arr. alph. by names of highways or ditches. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 4. Auditor's vt.

Miscellaneous

164. RETAILERS' BOND RECORD, 1864-95. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of bonds posted by retail liquor dealers, showing name, business

The office of Coroner was created by the Constitution of Indiana. This officer is elected at the regular election and serves a term of two years. There is no prohibition as to the number of times he can be re-elected. The Coroner is required to post a five thousand dollar bond to insure the faithful performance of his duties. (Indiana Const. 1851, Art. 6, Sec. 2.) The office of Coroner was in existence before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1834. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The Coroner is required to investigate violent deaths and deaths by suspicious means. He performs the duties of the Sheriff when the Sheriff is absent or otherwise incapacitated from serving. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 Special Session, and 1933; Sec. 49-2901 to 49-2915, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

165. CORONER'S REPORTS, 1867--. 22 file boxes.

Reports and papers pertaining to investigations of deaths, showing name of deceased, date of hearing, name and address of witnesses, date of death, cause of death, and Coroner's verdict. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 10 x 14 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. 12 file boxes, 1867-1908, museum "bum" room; 10 file boxes, 1908--, Clerk's vault.

165^a. CORONER'S RECORD, 1886-1908. 2 vols.

Record of Coroner's inquests, showing name of deceased, date of hearing, name and address of witnesses, and Coroner's findings. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on printed form. 198 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. 3rd floor "bum" room.

In 1899 the legislature created the County Council. This Council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each councilmanic district by the district and three members are elected at large from the county. The Council elects its own president and the County Auditor acts as its clerk. The County Sheriff is required to execute the orders of the Council. (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-501 and 2, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Miami County is 1899. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The power of fixing the tax rate where it is not fixed by law, is vested in the Council, as well as the power of making appropriations of money to be paid out of the county treasury (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-515, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The Council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials (Acts 1899; Sec. 26-520, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933), as well as emergency appropriations (Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Sec. 26-521, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The Council has the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds (Acts 1899; 1921, 1929; Sec. 26-532, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

166. COUNTY COUNCIL RECORD, 1899--. 2 vols.

Record of proceedings of County Council, showing ordinances received and enacted, appropriations and allowances made. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 13 x 14 x 4. Auditor's office.

By an Act of 1873, a County Board of Education was created. The board is comprised of the County Superintendent of Schools, the trustees of the county, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city and town of the county. The inception date of this board in Miami County is 1873. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The duties of the Board shall be to consider the general wants and needs of the school and matters relating to purchase of school furniture, books, maps, charts, etc. (Acts 1873; Sec. 28-801, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

167. BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1880--.

Record of the business transactions, showing date of meeting, roll call, business transacted and discussions. Arr. chron. Hdw. 75 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. School Superintendent's off.

The Board of Miami County Commissioners constitutes the Board of Finance. The Auditor acts as secretary. The board may sue and be sued in its own name whenever necessary to accomplish the purposes intended by its creation. The inception of this board in Miami County is 1907. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The Board of Finance has charge of and controls the funds of Miami County (Acts 1907; Sec. 61-606, 61-607, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

The Board of Finance selects the depository for county funds. It approves the purchase of U. S. Government bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of ^{the} U. S. Government. It invites proposals to receive public funds on deposits, receives proposals, and creates and revokes depositories. (Acts 1907, 1909, 1931; Sec. 61-610 to 61-613, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

The General Assembly of 1935 repealed the act establishing this board, and in the same session in the "Depository Act of 1935", re-established the Board of Finance practically unaltered (Acts 1935; Sec. 61-628, 61-631 to 61-639, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

168. DEPOSITORY RECORD, 1908--. 6 vols. (1-3, and 3 vols. not numbered). Record of proceedings of Board of Finance, pertaining to depositories, showing date, minutes of meetings, names of members, monthly statements of depositories, bonds, sureties, their affidavits, and rate of interest. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 575 pp. 16 x 10 x 4. 3 vols., 1908-13, 3rd floor "bum" rm. 3 vols., 1913--., museum "bum" rm.

By legislative enactment in 1891, the office of Health Commissioner was created. This officer is elected by the County Commissioners to serve for a term of four years. The inception date of the records in Miami County is 1891. From 1882 until 1891, office records were kept by the County Board of Health, composed of the township trustees, a mayor, common council of each city in the county, and Board of County Commissioners. After the establishment of the Health Commissioners, the board was abolished.

It is his duty to safeguard the health and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to study and check contagious diseases in the various communities, wherever and whenever possible, and advise and counsel various persons interested in the control of diseases. He is required to maintain records of births, deaths, marriages, make dairy inspections, food inspections, and hold regular examinations of pupils in the various schools of Miami County at regular intervals. (Acts 1891; Sec. 35-108, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

169. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1882--. 8 vols.

Record of births, showing name of child, date of birth, sex, color, parents, family history, no. of children in family, and physician. Indexed alph. by child's name. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 17 x 12 x 1. C.C., 6 vols., 1882-1900, Clerk's vault; 2 vols., 1901--, Commissioner's office, Mexico, Ind.

170. RECORD OF MARRIAGES, 1882--. 8 vols.

Record of marriages, showing names of groom and bride, ages, color, residence,

date of license, and date and place of marriage. Arr. alph. by name of grooms. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. C.C., 7 vols., 1882-1935, Clerk's vault; 1 vol., 1936--., Commissioner's office, Mexico, Ind.

171. RECORD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, 1906--. 3 vols.

Record of infectious diseases, showing name of patient, age, sex, residence, disease, date reported, date and duration of quarantine and name of attending physician. Indexed alph. by name of diseases. Hdw. on printed form.

100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. C.C., 1 vol., 1906-08, Clerk's vault; 2 vols., 1911--., Commissioner's office, Mexico, Ind.

172. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1899--. 7 vols.

Record of deaths, showing name of deceased, age, sex, color, cause of death, physician and place of burial. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp.

16 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{4}$. C.C., 5 vols., 1899-1915, Clerk's vault; 2 vols., 1915--., Commissioner's office, Mexico, Ind.

The county highway system was, at one time, administered by the Superintendent of Highways who was appointed by the County Commissioners for a term of four years, and some records bear his name and title. This office was established in 1913, and abolished March 1, 1933; and the powers and duties given to the Surveyor (Acts 1913, 1933, Sec. 36-1113, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). In order to provide for necessary supervision in counties warranting more attention than the Surveyor can give, the Board of County Commissioners has the right to employ any person other than the Surveyor as supervisor of county highways, and such officer is called the Highway Supervisor (Acts 1933; Sec. 36-1110, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). The Board of Commissioners of Miami County has appointed a separate Highway Supervisor. The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1933. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The Highway Supervisor has general supervision of the repair of all highways, bridges, and culverts of the county. It is his duty to see that the mail routes are kept open. He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (Acts 1933; Sec. 36-1101 to 36-1190, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

173. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S LEDGER, 1928--. 5 vols. (5-6, and 3 vols. not numbered). Title varies.

Record of disbursements from classified appropriated funds, showing expenditures by districts, covering repair costs, labor, material, supplies, accessories, and date, Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 10 x 10 x 2. Surveyor's off.

174. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LEDGER, 1934--. 2 vols.

Record of costs of highway construction and repairs, showing name of road, kind of roads, nature of repairs, materials used and cost, vendor, laborers and pay, and total cost of road. Indexed alph. by name of road. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Supervisor's office.

175. PAYROLL DISTRIBUTION-MIAMI COUNTY, 1931-32. 2 vols.

Payroll record by road district, showing names and address of road workers, dates, hours worked, rate of pay, and total amount. Arr. alph. by name of employees. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 10 x 2. Surveyor's office.

The Board of Public Welfare of Miami County consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare. The board is appointed by the judge of the Circuit Court; at least two members must be women and not more than three members may be adherents of any one political party. (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1118, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Miami County is 1936.

Subject to the rules and regulations of the State Department of Public Welfare, the county board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and other welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the State Department of Public Welfare, under the provisions of the act, including services connected with assistance to the blind.

The director, who is appointed by the Board of Public Welfare of Miami County under the supervision of the Circuit Court, performs the functions of probation officer and agent of the court. (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1119, 52-1120, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

A Board of Children's Guardians, which was established in 1889 to care for neglected children, was abolished by the 1936 act and jurisdiction was transferred to the Board of Public Welfare (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1121, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

All jurisdiction vested in county boards pertaining to welfare work was transferred to the Board of Public Welfare in 1936 (Acts 1936; Sec. 52-1408, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933).

176. MINUTES OF COUNTY BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, 1936--. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of Board of Public Welfare, showing date of meetings, place, by whom called, roll call, and business transacted, Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 175 pp. 15 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Public Welfare off.

177. RECOMMENDATIONS OF COUNTY DIRECTOR, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of recommendations and actions as to rejections, awards, and revocations, showing code no., street no., serial no., name of applicant, date, and amount of recommendation. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 100 pp. 12 x 15 x 1. Public Welfare off.

178. REGISTER OF APPLICATIONS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of applications for aid to the blind, dependant children, and old age assistance, showing date of application, code and serial no., name of applicant, sex, name of investigator, date of action, and whether awarded or rejected. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 100 pp. 9 x 15 x 1. Public Welfare off.

179. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN AGED PERSONS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of assistance given aged persons, showing name of party helped, address, monthly award, certificate no., date effective, date of payment, amount allowed, warrant no., and amount. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 200 pp. 9 x 15 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Public Welfare off.

180. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of assistance given dependent children, showing monthly award, names of parents and child, address, age, amount eligible for, warrant no., and date of payment. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 100 pp. 9 x 15 x 1. Public Welfare off.

181. REPORT OF ALLOWANCES AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of appropriations and disbursements, showing closing date of period, titles of accounts, claims allowed by Board, disbursements through Auditor, total disbursements and fund balances. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 100 pp. 12 x 18 x 1. Public Welfare office.

182. CLAIM REGISTER, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of claims paid from Board of Welfare funds, showing calendar month, code no., page, amount, and date certified by Welfare Director and County Auditor. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 100 pp. 12 x 15 x 1. Public Welfare office.

183. REGISTER OF CLAIMS FILED AND APPROVED, AND WARRANTS, ISSUED,
1936--. 1 vol.

Record of claims filed and approved, showing page, code no., date, claimant, warrant no., amount, title of appropriation, and account charged to. Arr. numerically by no. Typed on printed form. 100 pp. 12 x 15 x 1. Public Welfare office.

184. CONTINUATION SHEETS, ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of allowances for maintenance of dependent children, showing code no., no. and amount of warrant, payee, address, no. of children eligible for Federal aid, amount, and verification by director. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 150 pp. 11 x 8 x 1. Public Welfare office.

185. RECEIPT FOR REPAYMENT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of repayments to the State for assistance given, showing serial no., county, date, from whom received, account, and signature of County Welfare Director. Arr. numerically by receipt no. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 17 x 10 x 1. Public Welfare office.

The Recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election, and is not eligible to hold office for more than eight years in any twelve-year period (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1901; Sec. 49-3201, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933). The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1834. All records of this office are located in the Courthouse unless otherwise stated.

It is his duty to enter upon the books of his office at the time they are executed, all satisfactions, cancelations, and assignments, of whatever kinds, attest the release of mortgages, leases, or other instruments required by law to be recorded, record every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded, to keep special records of cemetery deeds, cemetery associations, farm names, chattel mortgages, and miscellaneous instruments. (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1855, 1875 Special Session, 1905, 1913, 1919, 1925, 1927, and 1931; Sec. 49-3203 to 49-3235, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Deeds, Titles, and Grants

186. DEED RECORD, 1828--. 128 vols. (A-X, 1-104).

Record of transfer of title by deed, showing names of grantor and grantee, description of property, date deed was made, and date recorded, location, and value of land. Indexed alph. by grantor. 1828-1903, hdw., 1904--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

For separate index, see entry 187.

Deed, Titles and Grants(continued)

187. GENERAL INDEX OF DEEDS, 1828--. 26 vols. (A-Z).

General index to Deed Record, showing date, book and page no., kind of deed, names of grantor and grantee, amount involved, and remarks. Arr. alph. by grantor. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

188. ORIGINAL DEEDS (NEVER CALLED FOR), 1865--. 50 filo boxes. (A-Z).

Original deeds with the legal description of land in transaction, showing name of grantor, name of grantee, date conveyed, date recorded, and total cash transaction. Arr. alph. by name of grantee. 4 x 4 x 12. Recorder's off.

189. RESTORED LAND RECORDS, 1844-54. 1 vol.

Record of restored titles of lands by legislative action after records were destroyed by fire in 1843, showing names of owners, and complete description of land. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

190. PARTITION RECORDS, 1880--. 2 vols. (A-B).

Record of transcripts of deeds made for partition of lands, by court order, showing description of property involved, names of parties, date of trial, and final court order. Indexed alph. by plaintiff and defendant. 1880-1901, hdw. 1902--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

191. TAX TITLE DEED RECORDS, 1865--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of transfer of title on land sold by Sheriff for unpaid taxes on property, showing description, location, and value of property, name of party defaulting, name of purchaser, date of deed, and date recorded. Indexed alph. to purchaser. 1865-1911, hdw; 1912--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 186.

Deed, Titles and Grants(continued)

192. SHERIFF'S DEED RECORDS, 1873--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of title to property sold by Sheriff by order of court, showing description and value of property, name of grantor and grante^o, date sold, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by purchaser. 1873-98, hdw; 1899--, typed, 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

For earlier records, and from 1878-1915, see entry 186.

193. MIAMI COUNTY CEMETERY DEED RECORDS, 1925--. 1 vol.

Record of transferred deeds to lots in cemeteries, showing lot no., location, amount paid, date of deed, date recorded, and name of purchaser. Indexed alph. by purchaser. Typed. 576 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 186.

194. QUIET TITLE RECORDS, 1911--. 1 vol.

Record of the court's actions in quieting title to property, showing description of property, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount involved, date quieted, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by plaintiff. Typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

For separate index, see entry 195; for earlier record, see entry 186.

195. INDEX TO QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911--. 1 vol.

Index to Quiet Title Record, showing book and page no., names of plaintiff and defendant, location of land, date of decree, and date recorded. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. Recorder's vt.

196. LAND ENTRY BOOK-PLAT BOOK-MIAMI COUNTY, 1830-49. 2 vols.

Record of lands purchased from the federal government, showing name of purchaser, description and location of land, value, date filed for recording,

and date recorded. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 160 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Recorder's vt.

Mortgages and Releases

197. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1843--. 112 vols. (A-X, 1-88).

Record of real estate mortgages filed by mortgagor, and transcripts of mortgages, showing entry no., date recorded and released, description of real estate under mortgage, amount of indebtedness, and location of property. Indexed alph. by mortgagor. 1843-1907, hdw; 1908--, typod. 580 pp.

18 x 12 x 4. Recorder's vt.

For separate index, see entry 198.

198. GENERAL INDEX TO MORTGAGES, 1843--. 18 vols. (1-18).

Index to Mortgage Records, showing names of mortgagor, and mortgagee, book, and page no., and date recorded. Arr. alph. by mortgagor. Hdw. on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 4. Recorder's vt.

199. ORIGINAL MORTGAGES (NEVER CALLED FOR), 1876--. 300 pigeon hole files, (A-Z).

Original mortgages left with Recorder but never called for, showing date, legal description of land, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount involved, and amount of fees. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagee. 4 x 4 x 12. Recorder's off.

200. CHATTEL MORTGAGE MINUTE BOOK, 1935--. 1 vol.

Minute book of chattel mortgages, showing no., of instrument, names of mortgagor, and mortgagee, date due, amount, kind, value, and description of property. Cross indexed alph. by names of mortgagor. and mortgagee. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 15 x 12 x 4. Recorder's off.

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201. ORIGINAL CHATTEL MORTGAGES FILE, 1935--. 26 file boxes. (A-Z).

File of original mortgages, showing file no., names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount, date filed, date due, terms of payment, list of chattels, and signatures of both parties. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. 8 x 4 x 12. Recorder's off.

202. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1883-1935. 51 vols. (1-51).

Record of chattel mortgages filed and transcribed until released by mortgagor, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, kind, value, description and location of property, date recorded, and due. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. 1883-1906, hdw; 1907--, typed. Condition fair. 585 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recorder's vt.

For separate index, see entry 203; for earlier record, see entry 212; for later record, see entry 200.

203. GENERAL INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1883-1935. 13 vols. (1-13).

Index to Chattel Mortgage Record, showing book, and page no., names of mortgagor and mortgagee, kind of instrument, and date recorded. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on printed form. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recorder's vt.

204. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGES, 1854--. 8 vols. (A-B, 1-6).

Transcripts of school mortgage bonds, showing date of mortgage, name of mortgagor, description of property, amount and date due, date recorded and canceled. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. 1854-1908, hdw; 1909--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

205. MORTGAGE RELEASE RECORD, 1916--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of release mortgages given on property to secure loan, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and value of property, location,

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date recorded and released. Vols., 1-3, arr. chron., vols., 4, indexed alph. by name of property owner. Hdw. 580 pp. 13 x 15 x 1. Recorder's vt.

For earlier record, see entry 197.

206. RELEASE RECORD (OF CHATTEL MORTGAGES), 1904-29. 2 vols. (2-3).

Vols. prior to 1904, missing.

Record of chattel mortgage releases, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and value of property, date recorded and released. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on printed form. 370 pp. 15 x 12 x 2. Recorder's vt.

For later records, see entry 202.

Registers of Legal Instruments

207. ENTRY BOOK, 1850--. 21 vols. (1-19, 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of instruments entered, showing kind of instrument, date, book, and page no., where recorded, amount of fees collected, date entered and recorded. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 350 pp. 15 x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 12 vols., 1850-1909, Recorder's vt.; 9 vols., 1910--, Recorder's off.

208. DITCH RECORDS, 1882--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of notices of ditch assessments sent to property owners, showing names of persons assessed, description and location of property, amount of benefits, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of person assessed. 1882-1903, hdw; 1904--, typed. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

209. FARM REGISTER, 1913--. 1 vol.

Record of farm names officially recorded, showing date of registration, name of owner, name and description of farm land. Indexed alph. by name

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of form. Hdw. on printed form. 275 pp. 12 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recorder's vt.

210. SOLDIERS' DISCHARGE RECORDS, 1862--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of county soldiers' discharges from U. S. army, showing name of soldier, date, final payment, bonus due, transportation allowed, hunting and fishing permits granted. Arr. alph. by name of soldier. 1862-1919, hdw; 1919-- , typed. Condition fair. 500 pp. 15 x 12 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Recorder's off. .

211. INTENTION TO BECOME AN ELECTOR, 1890-92. 1 vol.

Record of notice filed to become electors, showing name, age, twp., town or city, precinct, and ward. Arr. by twps., and thereunder indexed alph. by name of person filing notice. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 15 x 10 x 2. Recorder's vt.

Miscellaneous Instruments

212. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1856--. 23 vols. (A-W).

Record of transcripts of contracts, partnerships, leases, affidavits, dissolutions, resolutions of associations, and articles of incorporation, showing entry number, date filed, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of party filing instrument. 1856-1923, hdw; 1924-- , typed. 550 pp. 18 x 15 x 4. Recorder's vt.

For separate index, see entry 213.

213. INDEX TO MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1856--. 8 vols. (1-8).

Index to Miscellaneous Records, showing kind of instrument, date, consideration, town, description, date recorded, page and fee book, no., and name of plaintiff. Arr. alph. by name of party filing instrument. Hdw. 450 pp. 15 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

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214. STOCK LIEN RECORD, 1891--. 1 vol.

Record of live stock breeder's liens placed upon offspring, showing description of dam, name of owner of dam, name and address of sire's owner, and amount of lien. Indexed alph. by owner of dam. 1891-1927, hdw; 1928--, typed. Condition fair. 592 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

For earlier record, see entry 212.

Fee and Cash Records

215. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1909--. 9 vols. (1-3, 5-10).

Record of fees collected, showing date, from whom received, transfer, highway and license fees, road contracts, tax deeds, and total collections. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 350 pp. 15 x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recorder's vt.

Plat Books and Maps

216. PLATS, 1843-1928. 4 vols. (1-4).

Blueprints pen drawings of plats, ^{with} description of parcel, platted into towns and additions, showing streets, alleys, lot no., and name of maker of plat. Indexed alph. by name of plat. Hdw. and typed. 75 pp. 18 x 15 x 2. Recorder's vt.

217. MIAMI COUNTY, 1921. 1 map.

Political maps of Miami County, showing twps., roads, rivers, farms, farm owner's names and acres owned, cities, towns, and railroads. Published in Indianapolis, Ind. by the Ford Map Co. Printed, colored, and mounted. Scale; 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1 mile. 60 x 48. Recorder's vt.

218. MIAMI COUNTY, MAP OF, 1904, 1 map.

Political map of Miami County, showing twp. lines, highways, railroads,

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streams, cities, and towns, Drawn by Steel and Droper. Published in Indianapolis, by Steel and Droper. Printed, colored, and mounted. Condition poor. No scale given. 72 x 36. Recorder's vt.

219. CITY OF PERU, 1917. 1 map.

Political map, showing plats, lots, lot no., streets, alleys, corporation lines, railroads, and rivers. Drawn by Earl B. Lockridge, engineer. Published in Peru, by Louis C. Johnson, draftsman. Black and white, printed, and mounted. Scale, 1" to 300' ft. 60 x 36. Recorder's vt.

220. THE INCORPORATED TOWN OF DENVER, not dated. 1 map.

Political map, showing plats, lots, lot no., streets, alleys, corporation lines, railroads, and creeks. Drawn by J. Foster Long. Published in Indianapolis, Ind. by Indianapolis Blueprint Co. Printed and mounted. Scale, 1" to 100'. 36 x 36. Recorder's vt.

221. TOWN OF RIDGEVIEW, (UNINCORPORATED), 1917. 1 map.

Political map, showing streets, alleys, lots, lot no., boundary lines, and railroads. Published in Indianapolis, Ind. by Indianapolis Blueprint Co. Blueprint. Scales, 1" to 100'. 36 x 60. Recorder's vt.

Miami County has an annual board for the review of assessments, and the equalization of the valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the Assessor, Treasurer, Auditor, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the Judge of the Circuit Court. The Assessor is the president and the Auditor is the secretary of the board. (Acts 1919; Secs. 64-1201 and 64-1205, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1891. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

From 1881 to 1891 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a County Board of Equalization consisting of the County Commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (Acts 1881, Ch. 96, p. 611.) The law of 1891 superseded this act and created the County Board of Review, composed of the Treasurer, Assessor and Auditor (Acts 1891). The act of 1919 re-established the board, adding two freeholder appointments to its membership.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of the property in the twp. or any taxing unit within the twp., and to determine the rate per cent to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. The board also has the power, in proper cases, to correct the valuation of any particular tract or lot. (Acts 1919, Ibid.)

If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high or too low or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or twp., or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment. (Acts 1919, Ibid.)

222-223. RECORDS OF BOARD OF REVIEW, 1895-- (1-3, 2 vols.,
numbered 2, and 2 vols, not numbered).

Minutes of meetings and proceedings of Board of Review relative to
equalization of tax assessments of the various taxing units, showing
amounts of additions or deductions, and actions taken. Arr. chron.
1895-1908, hdw.; 1909--¹⁹⁰²⁻⁻, typed. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1895-1902,
"bum" rm.; 5 vols., Auditor's vt.
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In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of County Superintendent of Schools was created. He is elected by the Township Trustees and serves for a term of four years. The candidate must have had five years' successful experience as a teacher in the public schools, and at the time of his election he must hold a superintendent's license. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (Acts 1873; Sec. 28-702, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1873. All the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The Superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Miami County. He visits schools while they are in session, conducts teacher's institutes, and calls meetings of teachers of Miami County schools once each month in the school year. He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration. He presides over the county Board of Education and receives applications for school aid relief. (Acts 1933; Sec. 28-901 to 28-911, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Activities and Reports

224. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD OF TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS, 1907--. 1 vol.

1910-25, missing.

Record of school data, showing names of twp. trustees, teachers, pupils, age, grades, attendance, twp. advisory board, bus drivers and janitors.

Arr. alph. by teachers under twp. grouping. Hdw. on printed form.

250 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. 4th floor, museum "bum" room.

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225. SALE OF TEXT BOOKS (BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS),

1889-95. 1 vol.

Record of purchase and sale of school books, showing no. and kind of books purchased, no. sold, no. on hand, date received, sold, and final settlement. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 10 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 4th floor; museum "bum" rm.

Teachers

226. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE FOR TEACHER, 1907-23. 1 vol.

Record, showing name, age, address, years of service, credits, date of issue, expiration, subjects taught, grades, and average. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 14 x 10 x 4. School Superintendent's assembly rm.

For later records, see entry 227.

For earlier records, see entry 228.

227. RECORD OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR TEACHER'S LICENSE, 1930--. 1 vol.

Record, showing name, address, and age of teacher, experience, credits, length of service, date of license, higher training, institute attendance, and educational journals. Arr. alph. by teachers, grouped by twps. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 12 x 9 x 3. School Superintendent's off.

For earlier records, see entries 226 and 229.

228. REGISTRATION OF TEACHERS' LICENSE, 1877-1916. 2 vols.

Record, showing name of teacher, address, date and term of license. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x $\frac{1}{2}$. School Superintendent's rm.

For later records, see entry 226.

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229. RECORD OF ALL TEACHERS IN COUNTY, OUTSIDE OF CITY OF ITRU,
1907--. 1 vol.

Record of teachers' licenses, showing name, address, subjects, date issued, term of license, and serial number. Arr. alph. by teachers, grouped by twps. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 14 x 8 x 1. Superintendent's off.

For earlier records, see entry 228.

230. MINUTES OF COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE, 1925--. 1 vol.

Minutes of proceedings, showing names of teachers, nature of assignments, subjects discussed, and date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 14 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Superintendent's off.

Pupils

231. ENROLLMENT LIST FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN, 1904-08. 6 vols.

Record compiled by twp. trustee, showing name, age, parents, residence, twp., and district. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 25 pp. 15 x 8 x 1. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

232. COURSE OF STUDY, 1920--. 12 vols.

Record of outline on course of study for graduation in twp. high schools, showing twp., pupil's names, study subjects selected, grade, and dates. Arr. by twp. groups. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. School Superintendent's assembly rm.

233. COOPERATIVE SCHOOL REGISTER, 1908-31. 19 vols.

Record of grade-school pupil's standing, showing date, name of school, name and address of pupil, attendance, and subject grade at monthly intervals and at end of school year. Arr. alph. by pupils under school and grade groups. Hdw. on printed form. 50 pp. 14 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

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234. GRADE OF HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS, 1922--. 5 vols.

Record showing twp. of pupil, address, attendance, and attainment percentage. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 1000 pp. 15 x 12 x 5. School Superintendent's assembly rm.

235. HIGH SCHOOL CREDIT RECORD, 1888-99. 1 vol.

Record of pupils' graduation credits, showing name of pupil, date entered, age, summary of credits, attendance, rank in class, and health records. Arr. alph. by pupil's names, twp. groups. Hdw. on printed form. 305 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3rd floor "bun" rm.

236. REGISTER OF GRADUATES, (COMMON SCHOOL), 1898-1905. 1 vol.

Record of graduates from common schools, showing name of graduate, address, age, district no., date of diploma, general aver., teacher, trustee, and superintendent's signature. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3rd floor "bun" room.

237. LOCAL HISTORY, (GRADUATION THEMES), 1929--. 9 vols.

Record of school pupils' graduation essays, showing date, name of graduate, subjects treated in art, literature and themes of educational value. Arr. alph. by name of graduate. Typed and hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 12 x 9 x 3. School Superintendent's assembly rm.

The Sheriff is a constitutional officer chosen for a four-year period and is not eligible to hold office more than four years in any period of six years. He is a political officer, nominated by primary and elected in the regular election. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Sec. 49-2801, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1834. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The Sheriff arrests without process all persons who, within his view, commit any crime or misdemeanor, delivers them before a justice of the peace of Miami County and holds them in his custody until the cause of such arrest has been investigated; pursues and commits to jail all felons; and executes all process directed to him by legal authority. It is also his duty to protect persons in danger from mobs and possible lynchings. (2 Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852; Secs. 49-2802 to 49-2808, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Executions and Reports

238. SHERIFF'S RECORD OF EXECUTIONS, 1855--. 7 vols.

Record of court orders executed by Sheriff, showing date of issue, names of litigants, losers name, amount of judgment with interest and costs, date of judgment, and Sheriff's return. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 282 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 3 vols., 1855-84, 3d floor "bum" rm.; 3 vols., 1879-1922, 4th floor museum "bum"rm.; 1 vol., 1923--, Sheriff's office.

Executions and Reports(continued)

239. SHERIFF'S REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1921--. 1 vol.

Record of warrants served, showing no. and title of cause, date received, date served, amount of fee, and memoranda. Indexed alph. by name of parties served. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 10 x 3. Sheriff's off.

240. SHERIFF'S DOCKET, 1860-92. 5 vols.

Record of court writs served, showing cause no., plaintiff's and defendants names, origin of writ, nature, date, amount of fees, amount of cost, witnesses, and date of payment. Arr. numerically by nos. of causes. Hdw. on printed form. 472 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. 3d floor "bum" room.

For later records, see entry 238.

241. JURY TIME DOCKETS, 1906--. 4 vols. (4, and 3 vols. not numbered). Title varies.

Record of time served by jurors, showing name of court, cause no., title, name of juror, days served, mileage, . and amount of fee. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Sheriff's off.

For earlier records, see entry 240.

242. SHERIFF'S DOCKET OF SUBPOENA, 1879-88. 2 vols.

~~1879-84, missing.~~

Record of subpoenas served, showing no. of cause, court term, title of cause, Sheriff's return, and name of party served. Arr. numerically by cause nos. Hdw. on printed form. 472 pp. 19 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3d floor "bum" room.

Executions and Reports(continued)

243. PROOF OF SHERIFF'S SALES, 1878--. 1 vol.

Record of sales ordered by court and executed by Sheriff, showing title of cause, remarks, date of sale, amount, former owner, purchaser, and description of property. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 317 pp. 15 x 12 x 2. Sheriff's off.

244. RECORD OF APPOINTMENT FOR ELECTION SHERIFF⁶, 1890-1922.

2 vols.

Record showing twp., ward, precinct, office, and name of appointee. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. 1 vol., 1899-1922, Sheriff's off.; 1 vol., 1890-99, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

245. (INDEX TO) COMPLETE RECORD OF CALLS, 1932--. 1 vol.

Index to card system of Sheriff's calls in criminal cases, showing date of call, party called, and purpose of call. Arr. alph. by parties called. Typed. 300 pp. 12 x 9 x 3. Sheriff's off.

246. CARD RECORD OF CALLS COMPLETE, 1932--. 387 cards.

(1-387).

Record of completed calls, showing date, mileage, nature of call, and remarks. Arr. numerically. Sheriff's off.

For index, see entry 245.

247. RECORD OF AUTO ACCIDENTS, MIAMI COUNTY, OUTSIDE OF PERU, 1933--. 1 file box.

Record showing date of accident, location, names of principals, and description of accident. Arr. numerically. 5 x 3 x 12. Sheriff's off.

For index, see entry 248.

Executions and Reports(continued)

248. INDEX OF AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENTS, 1933--. 1 vol.

Index to card file of entry 247, showing accidents in Miami County outside of Peru, parties involved, date, time, location in file, and serial nos. Arr. alph. by names of parties. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 7 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Sheriff's off.

249. JAIL REGISTER, 1868--. 10 vols.

Record of persons committed to jail, showing prisoners name, age and nationality, date of arrest, officer, judgment, and days of sentence, cost of board, and fees. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 3 vols., 1868-88, 3d floor "bum" room; 7 vols., 1888--, Sheriff's off.

Fee and Cash Records

250. SHERIFF'S FEE BOOKS, 1871--. 6 vols. 1910-28, missing.

Record showing case no., title of cause, name of court, kind of writ, date of service, mileage, and amount of fee. 1871-1910, arr. chron.; 1928--, indexed alph. by name of payer. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 5 vols., 1871-1910, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.; 1 vol., 1928--, Sheriff's off.

251. SHERIFF'S DOCKET, (FOREIGN FEES), 1884--. 3 vols.

Record of fees collected from outside counties, showing name of county, parties in action, by whom ordered, nature of writ, mileage, date served, amount of fee, and remarks. 1884-1913, arr. chron.; 1913--, indexed alph. by name of payer. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 2 vols., 1884-1913, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.; 1 vol., 1913--, Sheriff's off.

Fee and Cash Records(continued)

252. SHERIFF'S RECORD OF MILES, 1929--. 1 vol.

Record of mileage on service or process, showing date, name of person served, no. of summons, court, miles, and amount of fees. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. Sheriff's off.

253. CASH BOOK, 1913--. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing date, cause no., book and page, name of court, check no., payer and payee names, nature of service, and totals. Hdw. on printed form. 380 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Sheriff's off.

Maps

254. MIAMI COUNTY, 1921. 1 map.

Political map, showing railroads, interurban roads, state and county highways, rivers and creeks, and towns and villages. Drawn and printed by Ford Map Co., Indianapolis. Printed and colored. Scale; 1-3/4" to 1 mile. 36 x 60. Sheriff's off.

The County Surveyor is a constitutional officer, nominated by primary and elected in the general election for two years. He may be re-elected indefinitely. He must give bond in a sum fixed by the Board of County Commissioners. (Indiana Const. Art. 6, Sec. 2; Sec. 49-3301, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1834. All of the records of this office are located in the Courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The Surveyor performs all duties which are required for public improvements, including the preparation of plans and specifications, general supervision of all bridges, turnpikes, roads, ditches, drains and levees. He establishes boundaries of farms and lots, and takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate. He removes, after examination, the obstruction of any streams, (Indiana Rev. Stat., 1852; Acts 1875; 1895, 1901, 1911, 1925, and 1933; Sec. 36-1110, 49-3308 to 49-3317, 49-3319 to 49-3322, and 49-3327 to 49-3328, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Surveys and Reports

255. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1840-1911. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of land surveys, showing twp., sec. lines, settings, corner stones and posts, acreage, owner of land, and description. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 480 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Surveyor's off.

256. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, (OF IMPROVEMENTS), 1881-1906. 1 vol.

Record of surveys on ordered improvements, showing kind of improvements,

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names of land owners, amount of assessment, date ordered and date set for completion. Indexed alph. by title of improvements. Hdw. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Surveyor's off.

257. SURVEYOR'S FIELD BOOK, 1907-8. 1 vol.

Record of Surveyor's estimates of expenditures on ordered construction, showing appropriated amount, construction bid, materials purchased, description of work, and contractor. Indexed alph. by name of contractor. Hdw. on printed form. 297 pp. 13 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 4th floor, museum. "bum" rm.

258. FIELD NOTES-MIAMI COUNTY, 1846-77. 3 vols.

Record of notes made from surveys, showing boundary lines for tps., and sec., and lines fixed by posts and stones. Arr. chron. Hdw. 660 pp. 14 x 8 x 2. Surveyor's off.

Ditches

259. DITCH DATA, 1892---. 6 file boxes.

Record of ditch petitions, showing name of ditch, description, location, petition and petitioners, and finding of Commissioners. Arr. chron. 8 x 5 x 12. Surveyor's off.

For earlier records, see entry 259.

260. DITCH RECORDS, 1879-1931. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of lands benefited by drain construction, showing location and description of ditch, acres in tract, acres benefited, name of land owner, amount assessed, and sketch of territory covered by survey. Indexed alph. by name of land owners. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 13 x 14 x 3. Surveyor's off.

For later records, see entry 262. For General Index, see entry 261.

Surveys and Reports--Ditches(continued)

261. CARD INDEX TO DITCH RECORDS, 1892--. 1 dblo. file drawer.

Index to ditch files, showing names of ditches, number or title of file box. Arr. alph. by name of ditches. 14 x 6 x 24. Surveyor's off.

262. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1890--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of ordered drainage, showing description of land, name of landowners, date of construction, and amount assessed. Indexed alph. by name of land owner. Hdw. on printed form. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Surveyor's off.

For earlier records, see entry 260.

263. SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATES, 1886-88. 2 vols.

Record of stubs from certificates issued for ditch work, showing name of worker, hours credited, rate of pay, name of ditch, twp., and Surveyor's signature. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 11 x 12 x 2. 4th floor, museum. "bum" rm.

Roads

264. ROADS, 1865-1917. 12 file boxes..

Record of Surveyor's information on contemplated road work, showing petition and names of petitioners, locations, description, estimated cost and date of completion. Arr. chron, 8 x 4 x 12. Surveyor's off.

Plans and Specifications

265. ROAD PLANS, 107 blueprints.

Physical maps, showing plans and specifications for county constructed and maintained roads. Drawn by Surveyors. Blueprints. Scales vary. 30 x 36. Surveyor's off.

Plans and Specifications(continued)

266. BRIDGE PLANS, 108 blueprints.

Physical maps, showing plans and accompanying specifications for county erected and maintained bridges. Drawn by Surveyors. Blueprint. Scales vary. 30 x 36. Surveyor's office.

267. DITCH PLANS, 108 blueprints.

Physical maps, showing plans and accompanying descriptions and specifications for routing, and excavation work in cleaning or constructing ditches. Drawn by Surveyors. Blueprints. Scales vary. 30 x 36" ave. Surveyor's off.

Maps and Plats

268. MIAMI COUNTY, 1921, 1 map.

Political and communications map, showing State and county roads, schools, cemeteries, churches, railroads, interurban roads, and rivers and creeks. Published by Ford Map Co., Indianapolis, Ind. Colored, printed. Scale, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1 mile. 60 x 48. Surveyor's off.

269. MIAMI COUNTY, 1890. 1 map.

Communications map, showing twp., county, and State roads. Drawn by C. E. Dice. Printed, black and white. No scale given. 60 x 48. Surveyor's off.

270. PLATS AND FIELD NOTES, not dated. 1 vol.

Record of Surveyor's notes and drawings, showing plats and description by twp., range, and sec. lines to be fixed by posts and stones. Arr. chron. Hdw. and drawn. 100 pp. 19 x 17 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Surveyor's off.

The Board of Tax Adjustment of Miami County consists of one member of the County Council selected by the Council, and six members appointed by the judge of the Circuit Court. The appointees must have the following qualifications; one shall be a township trustee; one shall be a mayor or president of the board of trustees of an incorporated town; one shall be a member of the city board of education; and three shall be resident freeholders of the county at large, not holding any public office. No more than four of the members of the board shall belong to the same political party. (Acts 1933; Sec. 64-304, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this board in Miami County is 1933. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any tax levy and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based, and apportion the total of all of the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. (Ibid.).

271. (RECORD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT BOARD) COUNTY COUNCIL RECORD, 1933--.

Same as part of entry 166.

Minutes of meetings, and proceedings of tax adjustment board relative to review of various budgets submitted by county officials, showing appropriations for ensuing year and decisions on tax levy. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 14 x 18 x 4. Auditor's off.

The Treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years and is not eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election. He is required to execute his official bond of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during the term. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1, Sec. 49-3101, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.) The inception date of this office in Miami County is 1834. All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

The Treasurer receives all money coming to Miami County and disburses the same on the proper orders. He keeps fee books and cash books and makes quarterly reports to the Auditor. At the expiration of his term of office he gives a sworn statement to the Auditor showing specifically the amount of fees collected, and deposits with the Auditor all orders redeemed. He makes a monthly statement to the Treasurer of State, collects property and poll taxes and State license fees, and diverts to the State the proceeds from the sale of estates when the heirs are unknown. (Indiana Const., Art. 6, Sec. 1, (1 Indiana Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1863; Secs. 49-3103 to 49-3317, Burns' Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

Tax Collections

272. TAX DUPLICATES AND DELINQUENT LIST, 1845--. 378 vols.

Title varies.

Record of paid and delinquent taxes on assessed property, showing list

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of taxpayers, location, value of real and personal property, current taxes, mortgage exemptions, amount of interest, value of intangibles, and penalties. Arr. by taxing units; thereunder, alph. by property owners. 184 -1909, hdw.; 1910--, typed on printed form. 150 pp. 28 x 17 x 2. 198 vols., 1845-1910, 3rd. floor, "bum" rm.; 101 vols., 1910-1922, in Treasurer's north rm.; 79 vols., 1922--, in Treasurer's off.

273. PAID DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPTS, 1886--. 1022 vols.

Record of copies of receipts for tax payments, showing number of tax duplicate, taxpayer, taxing unit, location of property, amount of real and personal property, rate, and total tax. Arr. by taxing units, thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. 1886-1909, hdw.; 1910--, typed on printed form. 500 pp. 8 x 4. 734 vols., 1886-1929, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.; 228 vols., 1930--, Treasurer's off.

274. WORK SHEETS, (COMPILATION OF TAX INFORMATION), 1935--.

3 vols.

Record of information for compiling tax duplicates, showing names of taxpayers, no. of tax duplicate, delinquencies, penalty, and total tax delinquency. Arr. by taxing units; thereunder alph. by name of taxpayers. Hdw. on printed form. 1200 pp. 12 x 10 x 8. Treasurer's off.

275. INHERITANCE TAX, 1923--. 16 file boxes.

Auditor's certificates of receipts from tax, showing title of estate, heirs, appraised valuation of estate, and amount of inheritance tax. Arr. chron. 9 x 4 x 12. Treasurer's off.

Tax Collections(continued)

276. CASH BOOK (FOR TAX RECEIPTS), 1875--. Titles varies.

79 vols.

Record of tax receipts itemized, showing date of receipt, duplicate no., amount, classification as current, delinquent, insolvent, special assessment, and surplus collection. Arr. chron. under taxing units. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 16 x 13 x 3. 44 vols., 1875-1916, 3 rd floor, "bum" rm.; 35 vols., 1916--, Treasurer's off.

277. MORATORIUM TAX DUPLICATE, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of tax payments extended, showing name of owner, description of property, delinquent tax, interest, amount due, Nov. 1933, on which to compute interest, principal due, interest due, date payable, and paid. Arr. by taxing unit, thereunder alph. by name of taxpayer. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 18 x 16 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Treasurer's off.

Delinquent and Insolvent

278. DELINQUENT TAX LIST, 1841-1903. 24 vols., Title varies.

Record of unpaid taxes, showing name of delinquent, description of lots and lands, amount delinquent, delinquent poll tax, delinquent personal tax, total delinquency. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. Hdw. on printed form. 325 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. 12 vols., 1841-68, 3rd floor "bum" rm.; 12 vols., 1868-1903, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

For later records, see entry #272.

279. DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS, 1857-1912. 10 vols.,

1873-1904, missing.

Record showing name of payer, no., of tax duplicate, description of property, amount paid, and date of payments. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1857-73, 3rd floor "bum" rm.;

1904-1912, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

Tax Collections--Delinquent and Insolvent(continued)

280. UNPAID DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPTS, 1926--. 10 file boxes.

Unpaid tax receipts with duplicates attached, showing name of taxpayer, value of real and personal properties, poll tax, mortgage exemptions, and total amount of taxes. Arr. alph. by taxpayers under taxing units. 11 x 5 x 13. Treasurer's off.

281. INSOLVENT TAX RECORD, 1881--. 2 vols. Title varies.

Record of non-collectable taxes, showing name of delinquent, amount of delinquency, amount dropped, ^{and} amount added to current tax duplicate. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 625 pp. 18 x 18 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1881-1916, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.; 1 vol., 1916--, Treasurer's off.

282. INSOLVENT TAXES, 1928--. 8 file boxes.

Non-collectable tax lists, showing taxing unit, delinquent taxpayer, description of property, valuation, and assessed amount. Arr. chron. 11 x 5 x 13. Treasurer's off.

For earlier records, see entry #281.

283. REDEMPTION RECEIPTS, 1901-1912. 1 vol.

Stubs of receipts for payments to redeem delinquent lands, showing date, amount paid, name of payor, and description of land redeemed. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. 4th floor, museum, "bum" rm.

Collection of Public Improvement Assessments

284. DITCH TAX DUPLICATES (UNPAID ASSESSMENTS), 1924--.

Record of unpaid ditch assessments, showing name of owner, description of land benefited, amount of assessment, annual payments, and name of ditch. Grouped by name of ditch; thereunder, arr. alph. by name of owners. Hdw. on printed form. 130 pp. 15 x 12 x 3. Treasurer's off.

Collection of Public Improvement Assessment(continued)

285. REGISTER OF DITCH TAXES, 1881-1908. 1 vol.

Record of assessments and collections of ditch costs, showing name of land owner, name of ditch, description and value of land, amount of assessment, date, and amount paid. Arr. alph. by taxpayer, under tax unit groups. Hdw. on printed form. 450 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

286. DITCH TAX, 1930--. 6 file boxes.

Duplicate receipts for payments of assessments on bonded ditches, showing name of ditch, name of property owner, description, improvement, valuation, amount assessed, and date of payment. Arr. chron. 11 x 5 x 13. Treasurer's off.

For earlier records, see entry #284.

287. ROAD DUPLICATES, 1869-1894. 32 vols.,

Record of road tax assessments, showing date, no. of duplicate, name of taxpayer, description of land, and amount of tax payments and delinquencies. Arr. alph. by taxpayers under taxing units. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 18 x 15 x 2. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

288. REGISTER OF ROAD RECEIPTS, 1900-1913. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of road taxes collected, showing subdivisions, and the total amounts collected. Arr. chron. Hdw on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

289. REGISTER OF DELINQUENT FREE GRAVEL ROAD TAX, 1869-92.

3 vols., (1-2 and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record showing date, receipt no., name of delinquent, name of road, amount delinquent, and remarks. Arr. numerically by receipt no., and alph. by delinquent. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 2 vols., 1870-92, 3rd floor, "bum" rm.; 1 vol., 1869, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

Receipts and Disbursements

290. RECORD OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1879--. 2 vols.

Record of cash transactions, showing date, name of payer or payee, amounts, cause, fund, balances in the various funds, and total balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 315 pp. 22 x 16 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1879-85, 3rd floor "bum" rm.; 1 vol., 1885--, Treasurer's off.

291. TREASURER'S MONTHLY BALANCES, 1916--. 3 vols.

Record of monthly summaries of all cash transactions, showing total monthly receipts, disbursements, and balances for the various funds. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 15 x 12 x 3. Treasurer's off.

292. DAILY BALANCE RECORDS, 1914-33. 14 vols. 6 vols., 1915, 1923, 1925, 1926, 1927, and 1931, missing.

Record showing daily cash transactions with opening and closing balances, receipts and disbursements, cash on hand, and cash in depositories.. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 15 x 12 x 3. Treasurer's off.

293. REGISTER OF MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS, 1881-1924. 5 vols.

Title varies.

Record of all receipts other than taxes, showing date, amount, receipt no., source, and to which account credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 vols., 1881-1911, 3rd floor "bum" rm.; 2 vols., 1911-24, Treasurer's south rm.

Receipts and Disbursements(continued)

294. RECORD OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1927--. 1 vol.

Duplicate copies of warrants issued in disbursement of funds, showing amount, date, cause of payment, and name of payee. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 800 pp. 13 x 13 x 6. Treasurer's off.

295. REGISTER OF WARRANTS AND DEPOSITORY BALANCES, 1914-28.

8 vols.

Record of accounting between treasurer and depository, showing date presented, name of depository, no. and amount of warrants, amount of deposit, appropriation fund charged to, and no. of disbursement record. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 13 x 15 x 3. Treasurer's off.

For later records, see entry #291.

296. BANK DEPOSIT SLIPS, 1908--.

Carbon duplicates of bank deposits, showing date, amount, and depository. Arr. chron. 11 x 5 x 13. Treasurer's off.

297. JOURNAL, 1866-1912. 3 vols.

Record of daily receipts and disbursements, showing date, amount on hand, receipts, disbursements, designation of fund, names of payer or payee, and cause. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 638 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

For later records, see entry #290.

298. LEDGER, 1874-1910. 3 vols.

Record of fund accounts, showing date, folio no., amount of cash transaction by funds, and final balance of debits and credits. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 558 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$.

For later records, see entry #290.

Receipts and Disbursements(continued)

299. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1854--. 47 vols. Title varies,
1854-1916, Orders; 1916-23, Checks.

Record of cash disbursements, showing date, serial no., name of payee, amount, to what account credited, and remarks. Arr. by serial nos.

Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. 40 vols., 1854-1916, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.; 7 vols., 1916--, Treasurer's off.

300. REGISTER OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1916-24. 5 vols. Title varies.

Record of expenditures, showing date, warrant no., title of fund, and expenditures from each fund. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form.

200 pp. 16 x 18 x 2. Treasurer's office.

For earlier records, see entry #297.

For later records, see entry #290.

301. AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATES OF DISTRIBUTION, 1926--. 9 file
boxes.

Carbon copies of money paid to State Treasurer and taxing units for tax distribution. Arr. chron. 9 x 5 x 12. Treasurer's off.

School Funds

302. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS, (COMMON AND CONGRESSIONAL),
1838--. 4 vols.

Record of common and congressional school fund loans, showing no., borrower, kind of fund, date of loan, amount loaned, principal and interest paid. Indexed alph. by name of borrowers. Hdw. on printed form. 450 pp. 17 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1838-1908, 3rd floor "bum" rm.; 1 vol., 1908-17, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.; 1 vol., 1917--, Treasurer's off.

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303. JOURNAL OF SCHOOL FUNDS, 1847-1909. 3 vols., 1853-65, missing.

Record of debits and credits, showing principal amount, interest, date of payment, name of payer, and amount paid on principal and interest. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1847-53, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.; 2 vols., 1865-1909, 3rd floor, "bum" rm.

Maps

304. MIAMI COUNTY, 1921. 1 map.

Political and land tenure map, showing twps., cities, towns, roads, roadways, electric lines, rivers, farms and owners. Drawn by Ford Map Co., Indianapolis, Ind. Printed and colored. Scale; 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " to mile. 30 x 48. Treasurer's off.

305. CITY OF MERU, 1 map. Political and communications map, showing railroads, interurban lines, rivers, city blocks, street and alleys, additions, and locations of same in plat books by vols. and pages. Drawn by L. Johnson and Earl Lockridge. Blue print and mounted. Scale; 1" to 300'. 60 x 24. Treasurer's off.

The County Commissioners, by virtue of their office, constituted a board of turnpike directors, by an act of 1879. The management and control of all free turnpikes in the county were vested in the board. The county was divided into three districts, and each director had personal supervision of one district. They had the power to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs; contract for labor and materials; enter upon lands to take gravel and to give certificates of payments; and to appoint a clerk of the board (Acts 1879, Page 226). An act of 1905 made the County Auditor the clerk of the board. (Acts 1905, pp. 521-579.) All of the records of this office are located in the courthouse unless otherwise stated.

An act passed in 1913 abolished the Turnpike Directors as an administrative board, transferring their jurisdiction to a Highway Superintendent appointed by the County Commissioners (Acts 1913, Ch. 330, Sec. 1, Page 877).

306. FREE GRAVEL ROAD RECORD(MINUTES OF THE BOARD), 1883-1913.

3 vols. (1-3).

Minutes of meetings and proceedings, showing action taken, claims filed for material and labor for gravel roads, amounts certified to Auditor to be paid out of road fund, warrants issued, date, warrant no., to whom issued, for what paid, and amount. Arr. chron. 1883-1907, h&w; 1908-13, typed. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1883-1907, 3rd floor, "bum" rm; 1 vol., 1908-13, 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

307. FREE TURNPIKE REPAIR ORDERS, 1883-1909. 2 vols. 1886-1909,
missing.

Stub books from which warrants are detached for payment for labor and material from turnpike funds, showing date issued, amount, to whom paid, and for what road. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 17 x 15 x 1. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.

308. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT OF FREE GRAVEL ROADS, 1895-1910. 1 vol.

Semi-annual report compiled by Superintendent of roads, showing detailed summary of materials purchased, quantity, price, kind of material, and no. of days worked on each road. Arr. chron. under twps. Hdw. on printed form. 227 pp. 17 x 15 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. 3rd floor "bum" rm.

309. REPORT OF SQUIRREL VILLAGE GRAVEL ROAD, 1883. 1 vol.

Record of assessments made and benefits derived from Squirrel Valley gravel road, showing names of owners, sec., range, twp., no. of acres, amount of benefits, and amount of assessments. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 160 pp. 16 x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 4th floor, museum "bum" rm.





